

Memphis Police Department

# PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Chief Cerelyn "CJ" Davis

**October 2025**



# Overall Crime Historic Reduction



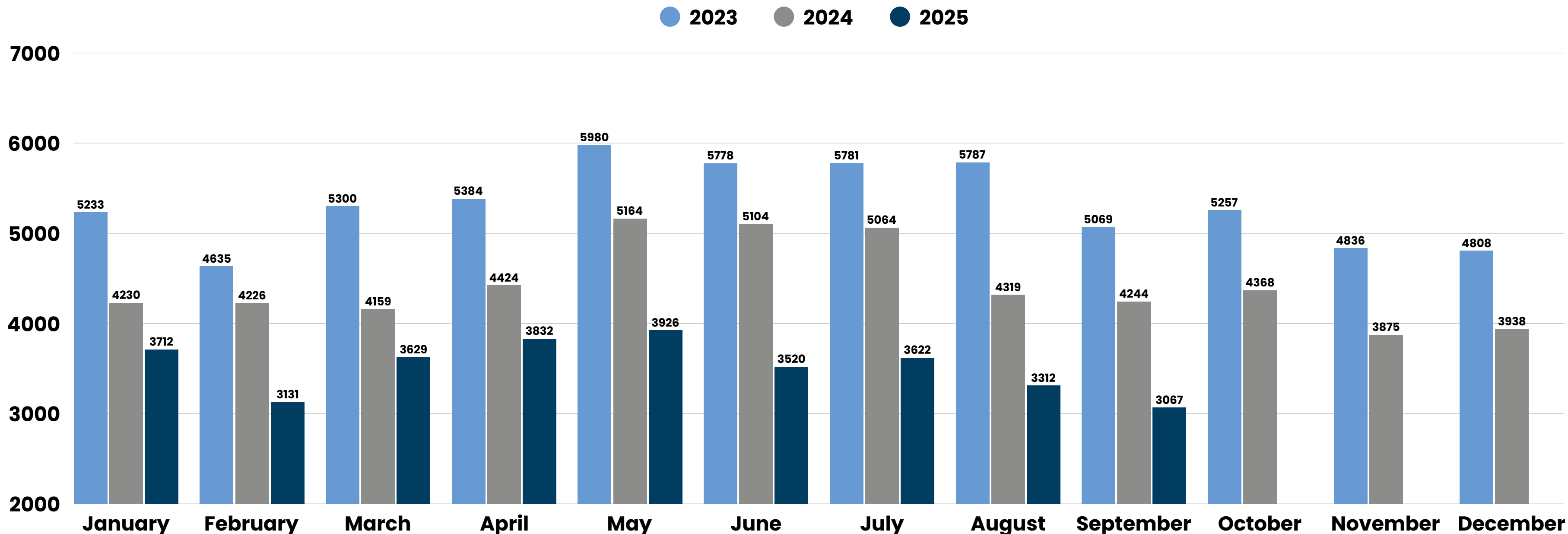
*The Memphis Police Department started this year with a clear holistic approach to reducing violent crime, addressing gang activity, and holding the city's most dangerous offenders accountable. These focused strategies have brought violent crime to historic lows.*



# Part I Crime Overview

## *Year-to-Date Monthly Comparison*

This three-year comparison of Part 1 crimes proves that focused strategies, technology, and collaboration are making a measurable difference in our communities.



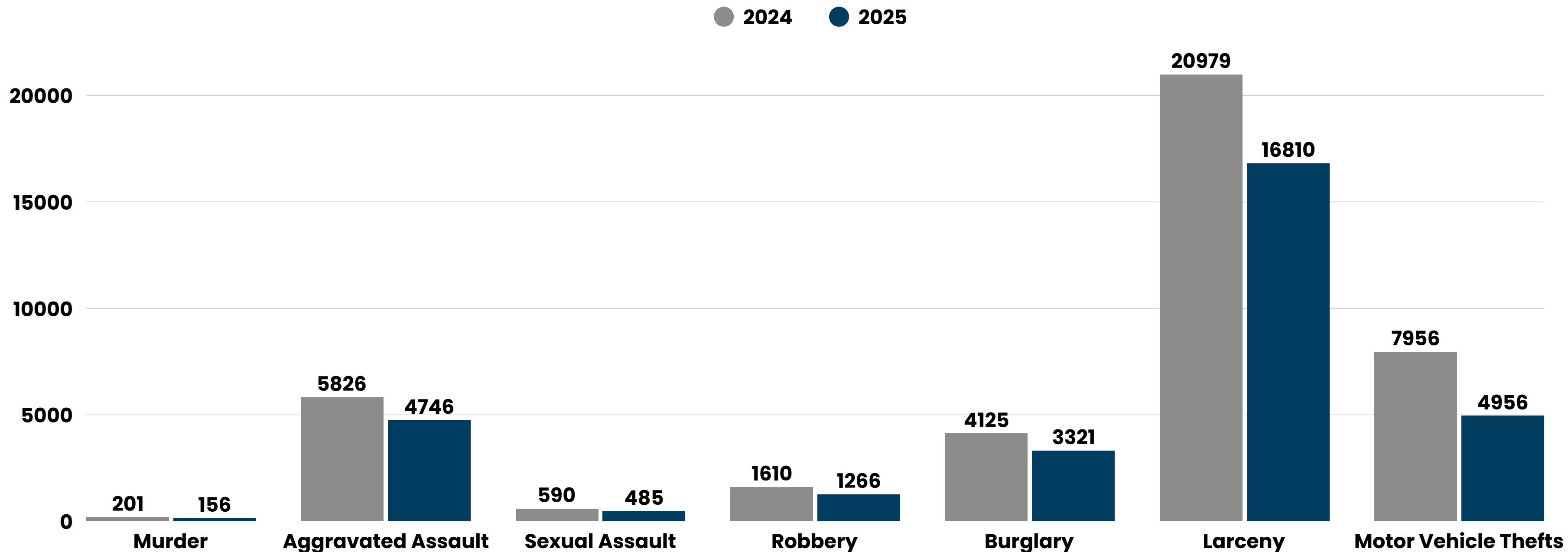
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# Crime Trends

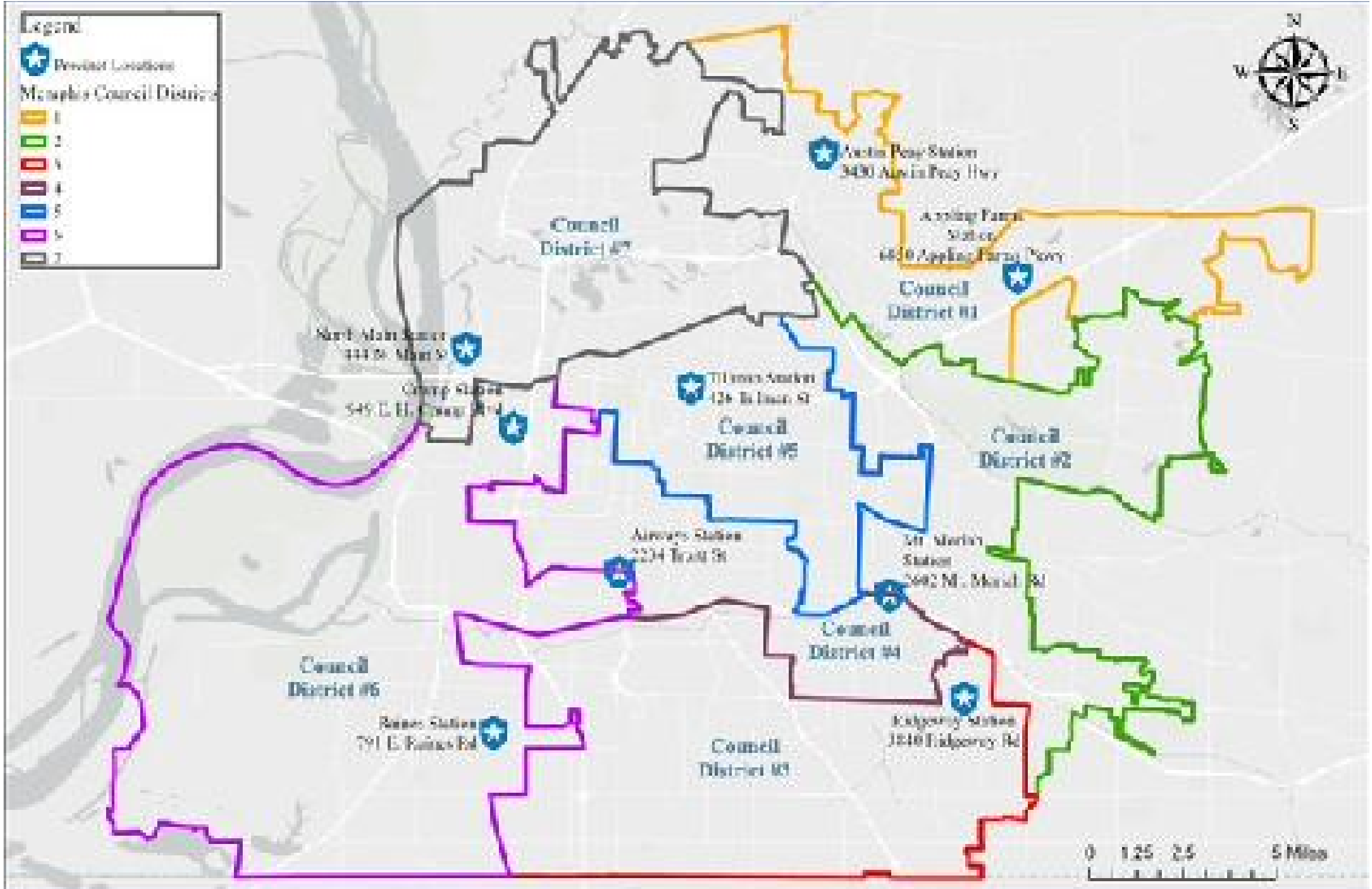
## Year-to-Date Comparison

Across Memphis, every major crime category is down.



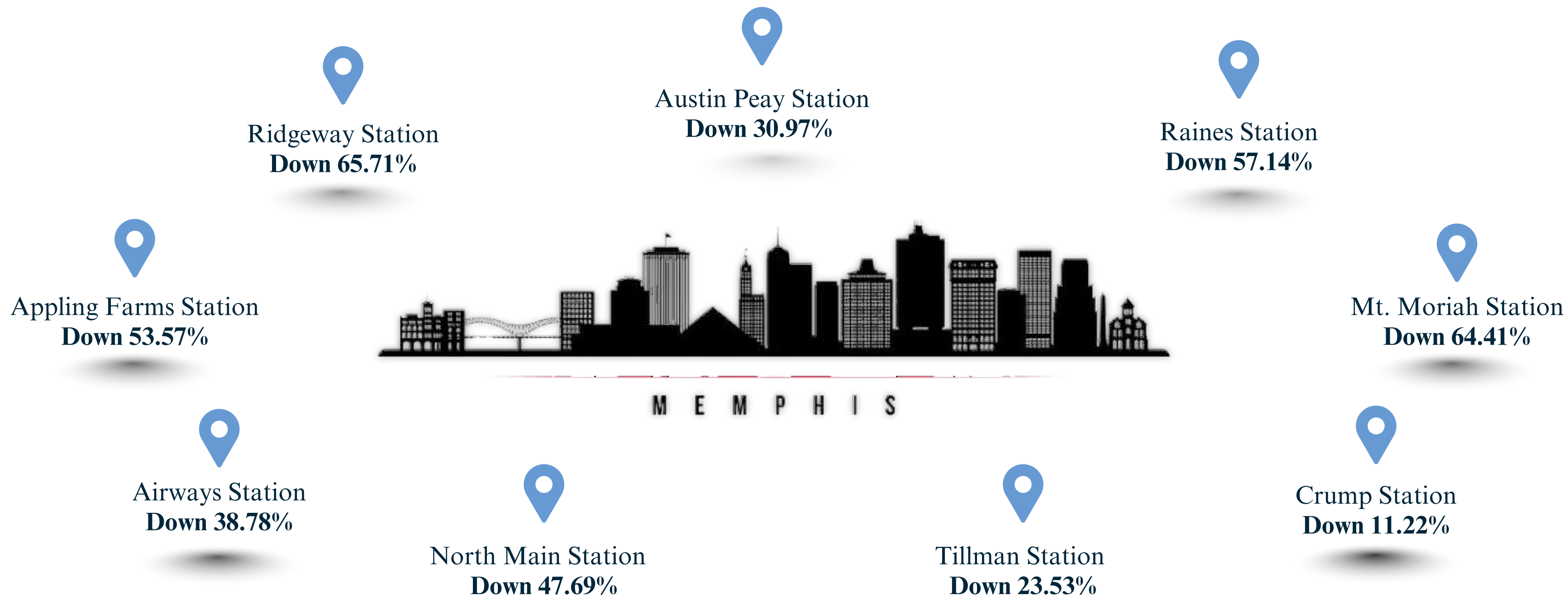
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# MPD Coverage by Council District



# Citywide Crime Declines by Precinct

## Crime Reduction Measured YTD





# AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INITIATIVE

**Researched and responded to 103 alerts since the initiative was launched.**

*The Aggravated Assault Initiative identifies the city's most prolific repeat offenders of gun violence. Identified individuals are reviewed for criminal history, pending cases, bond status, probation or parole, gang involvement, and active warrants. Each offender is entered into a multi-agency alert system, ensuring law enforcement partners are ready to take immediate action if new criminal activity occurs, helping reduce violent crime and enhance public safety across Memphis.*



## *Stronger, Safer Memphis*

### **Domestic Violence Prolific Offender Initiative**

*October raises awareness, but action  
happens year-round.*

Since its launch in January 2025, the Domestic Violence Prolific Offender Initiative has identified over 60 repeat offenders. Currently, 18 of these individuals are in custody - including three of the top five most prolific offenders. Through this strategic effort, MPD is working to protect victims and prevent repeat offenses. Year-to-date, Aggravated Assault/DV incidents have decreased by 10.47%.

# Downtown Command Center

Deter. Monitor. Support.



The **network of over 309 downtown cameras** are monitored **24/7** at the Downtown Command Center (DCC) and play a vital role in enhancing public safety and crime prevention in Downtown Memphis. The DCC is staffed with personnel who conduct real-time surveillance of the downtown area, providing patrol officers with immediate access to vital information. Personnel at the Command Center monitor multiple feeds simultaneously, enabling them to detect suspicious activities and coordinate swift responses to incidents.



## **DOWNTOWN COMMAND CENTER**

### Protecting the Heart of the City.

Since its April 24th grand opening, the Downtown Command Center has conducted hundreds of daily patrols, monitoring events, crowds, and downtown activity. The DCC supports enforcement across a range of incidents - including reckless driving, aggravated assaults, armed parties, and motor vehicle thefts - helping keep downtown stronger and safer for everyone.





**DOWNTOWN  
COMMAND  
CENTER**

**Supporting Major  
Downtown Events**

## Significant Downtown Incidents Supported by the DCC



***Suspect Arrested  
After Stealing Vehicle***



***Armed Party Arrested with  
Firearm w/ Switch and  
Extended Magazine***

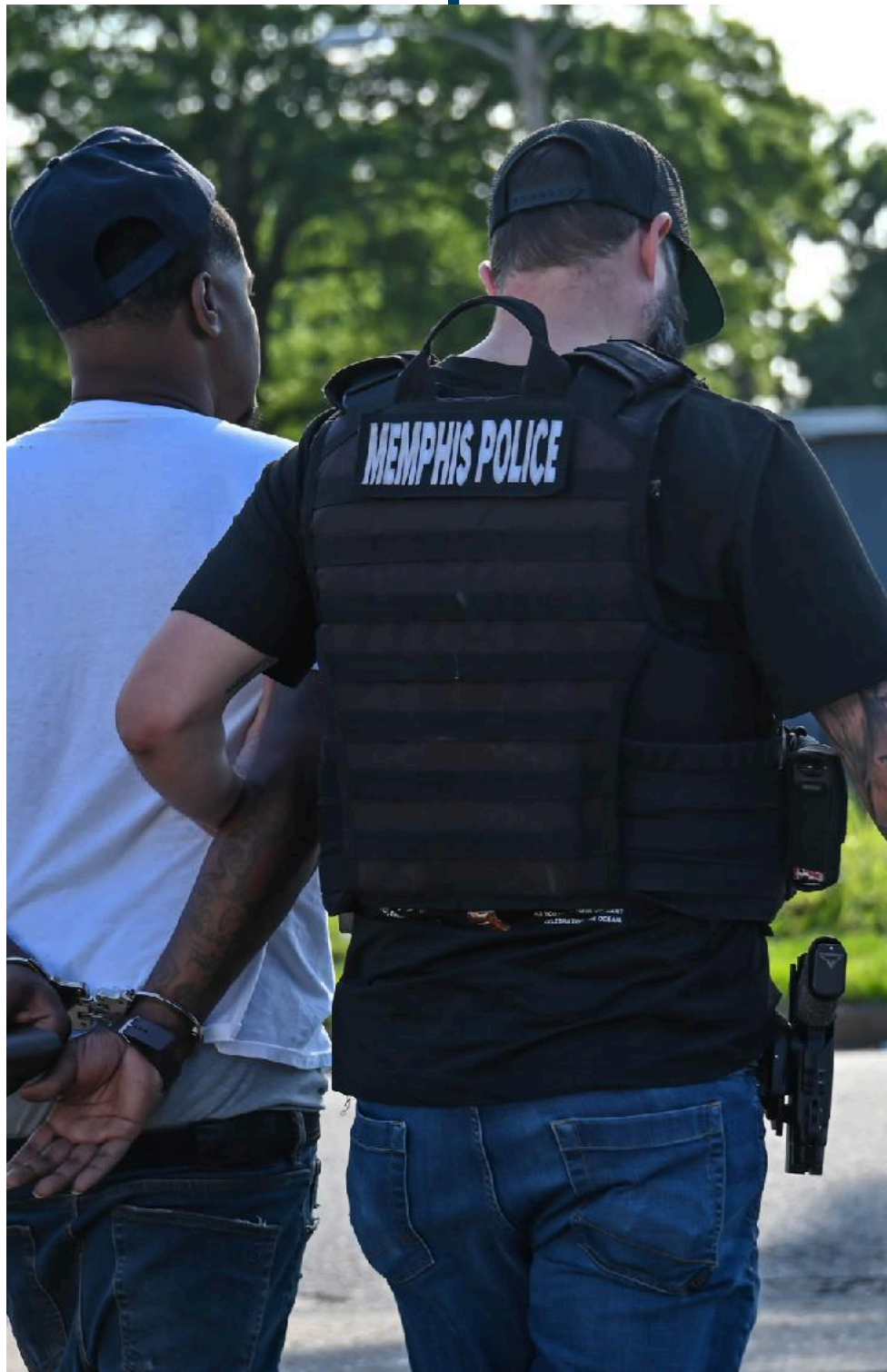
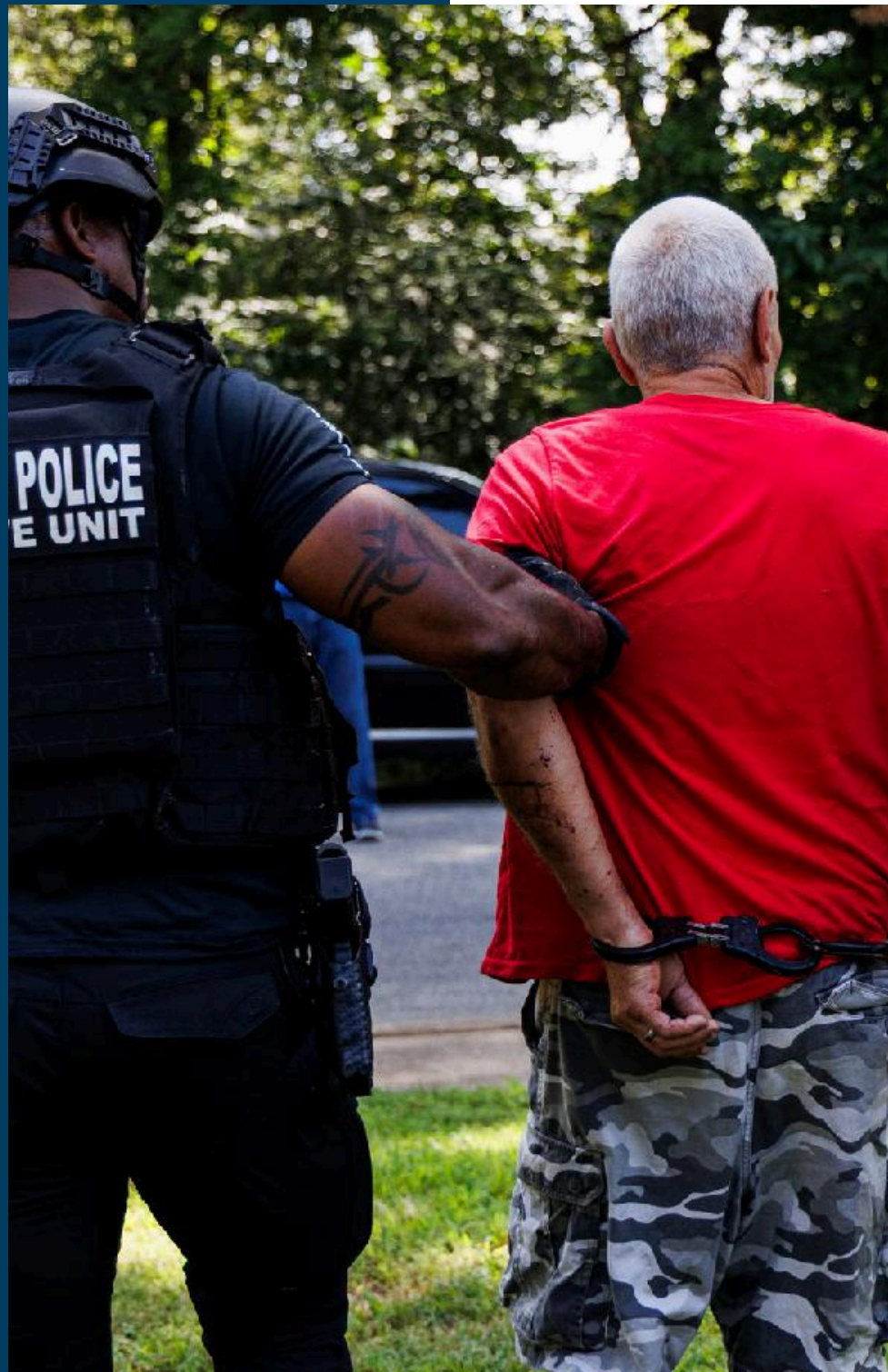


***Homicide Suspect Identified  
and Arrested After Recklessly  
Driving Near Beale Street***

# Sentinel Update



The Sentinel Camera Project continues to move forward as part of our ongoing effort to enhance safety and visibility across the city. Currently, 25 camera locations are pending approval from MLGW, while 32 have been approved and are ready for vendor installation. Five locations are already complete, marking steady progress toward expanding our network of surveillance technology to help deter crime and support investigations citywide.



# Action

## That Counts

*Our focused strategies are making a measurable difference in reducing violent crime and keeping Memphis Stronger and Safer.*

# FOCUSED STRATEGIES: OPERATIONS THAT DELIVER RESULTS



## OPERATION CODE ZERO

Code Zero is a focused operation led by the Memphis Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division. So far this year, the MPD has conducted 28 Code Zero Operations. Code Zero increases police presence in areas experiencing high levels of crime and connects individuals at risk of reoffending with supportive services.



## MPD FUGITIVE UNIT

Our Fugitive Unit is dedicated to locating and apprehending violent offenders with active warrants. This year alone, they've made over 1,200 arrests and cleared more than 1,400 warrants.



## OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER

Through this initiative, MPD removed wanted fugitives, gang members, and other violent offenders from our streets. The results: 370 arrests, 92 documented gang members, nearly 60 firearms recovered, 170 grams of fentanyl and other illegal drugs seized, and more than \$140,000 confiscated.



# OPERATION C.R.I.M.E.

*Operation C.R.I.M.E. brought together the Memphis Police Department and our federal partners in a unified mission to apprehend violent offenders throughout the city. MPD dedicated 90 officers from the Organized Crime Unit and Uniform Patrol teams to this effort, resulting in the arrest of 330 criminals. This collaboration highlights the strength of teamwork and our continued commitment to a Stronger, Safer Memphis.*



## *Memphis Police Department | Traffic Division*

**YOUR SAFETY IS  
OUR DESTINATION**

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 4

Over a two-week operation, MPD issued 1,451 traffic citations for speeding, reckless driving, drive-out tags, and impaired driving—because safer roads lead to safer communities.

# Memphis Police Department Training Academy **Recruitment Division Update**



# RECRUITMENT

WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY AND SPACIOUS FACILITIES, THE MPD TRAINING ACADEMY IS EQUIPPED TO TRAIN LARGE CLASSES OF RECRUITS, BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MEMPHIS OFFICERS.

**MPD focuses on retention in a number of ways, including advanced training, career opportunities, and access to improved equipment and technology. As of now, MPD has 1,917 sworn officers, leaving the department 583 positions short of its full complement.**

148<sup>th</sup> Recruit Session – Graduating December 18, 2025

- Recruits Remaining: 23

Upcoming 149<sup>th</sup> Recruit Session – Starting December 1, 2025

- Applicants Interviewed: 400+
- Recruits Ready to Train: 70 (including 10 PSTs)
- Recruitment Efforts: Continuing through November

# TRAINING ACADEMY PROGRESS

JANUARY - OCTOBER



The Memphis Police Department's Training Academy has dedicated relentless efforts toward strengthening recruitment and retention. We've streamlined the recruitment process to increase efficiency and create a smoother experience for applicants. To boost candidate engagement, we've expanded our outreach through media interviews, social media engagement, and participation in hiring expos—allowing us to connect personally with potential recruits. These initiatives reflect our commitment to attracting and retaining a skilled, motivated police force ready to serve and protect our community. So far this year, **2,328 applicants** have applied for police officer positions with the Memphis Police Department.



# MEMPHIS SAFE TASK FORCE

*The Memphis Safe Task Force is a joint effort involving more than 20 local, state, and federal agencies. Since September 29, our federal partners have been actively deployed, supporting MPD's leadership in violent crime initiatives as well as other critical public safety and quality-of-life efforts, including fugitive warrants, interstate traffic enforcement, property crime prevention, and more. MPD's focus has not changed, and we will continue building on the progress already made to keep Memphis safer.*

# CONNECT MEMPHIS

Connect Memphis is a voluntary program that links your security cameras directly with the Memphis Police Department, giving officers real-time access to footage when a crime occurs nearby. Be the extra set of eyes that keeps our city safe. Connect your cameras to Connect Memphis and help officers respond faster, solve crimes, and protect your neighborhood.

12,455

Registered Cameras

2,188

Integrated Cameras



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# THANK YOU!

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