

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
JOINT OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT



September was a powerful reminder that Memphis and Shelby County are not just part of the national conversation on community violence intervention. We are helping shape it. From September 8–10, the Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, alongside members of Heal 901, participated in the 5th Annual NOVPN/NICJR National Conference, joining changemakers from across the country to share ideas and advance the work of community violence intervention (CVI).

We were especially proud to see our own City Director, Tamika Williams, take the national stage as a featured panelist during the plenary session titled Systems Change: Embedding CVI into Policy and Structure. Her participation reflects the growing recognition of the important work happening here at home, and the power of Memphis and Shelby County to contribute to the national movement. As we continue building connected communities, we are learning, sharing, and bringing new ideas home to strengthen the people and partnerships working every day to make our communities safer.



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FOCUS IN

A glimpse of what the Joint Office is doing to support community safety in Memphis and Shelby County



Just Over 30 Days to Go!

**Register for the
Cities United Convening**

The countdown is on! In just over 30 days, Memphis will welcome leaders, practitioners, and changemakers from across the country for the 13th Annual Cities United Convening, October 20-23, 2026.

This national gathering is an opportunity to showcase Shelby County and the incredible work happening across our communities to create safer, stronger neighborhoods. Local community based organizations, intervention professionals, public agencies, faith leaders, educators, and neighborhood partners will have the opportunity to learn, connect, collaborate, and share what is happening right here at home.

Have you registered? Have you invited your network? This national convening is happening right here in our own backyard, and we want our community to be part of it.

Haven't registered yet? No problem because you still have time! [Click here](#) to register, and as an added bonus, Shelby County registrants can still get 50% off registration with discount code **TENNESSEE**.

30 days. A national gathering. Memphis is ready. Shelby County is ready. The countdown is on. Will you be there?

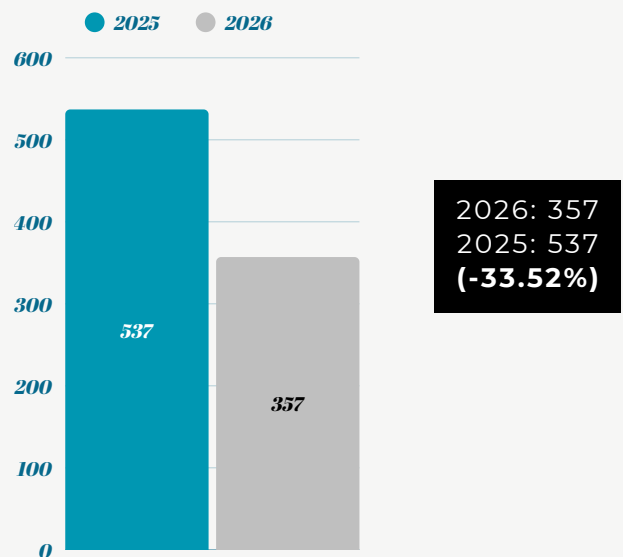
BY THE NUMBERS

A snapshot of fatal and non-fatal shooting data shared with care, context, and commitment to keep residents informed

Recent data shows encouraging progress across Memphis with consistent declines in both fatal and non-fatal shootings. This progress reflects the combined efforts of law enforcement, frontline workers, and local community-based organizations working to prevent violence, intervene in conflicts, and strengthen neighborhood safety.

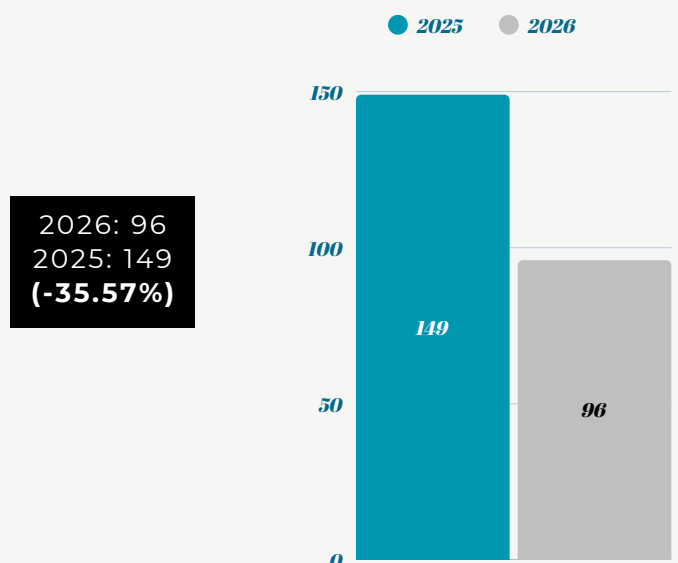
Non-Fatal Shooting Incidents

January - September (to date)



Murder Incidents

January - September (to date)



Data Reference:
City of Memphis Safer Communities Dashboard
and Memphis Police Department

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*Safe Neighborhoods. Safe Community.
Seeking to Improve Public Safety*

CRIME COMMISSION COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

**WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-BROAD,
2835 BROAD AVENUE, MEMPHIS, TN 38112**

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Coffee served 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM

PURPOSE: Our community has made real progress in reducing gun violence. Yet, we have a long way to go to be as safe as we need to be, and polling shows gun violence remains the community's Number One Crime Concern.

Where do we go from here to keep the momentum in curbing gun crime? We want to know what key stakeholders think and what the larger community thinks as we develop a new 5-year Safe Community Action Plan.

BREIF COMMENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

• U.S. Attorney Mike Dunavant	• Sheriff Elect Anthony Buckner
• Carl Davis, Managing Director of Operations, Memphis Allies	• Tamika Williams, City Director, Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
HANDY PARK ON BEALE STREET
10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION IS \$20, UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS \$10, K-12 FREE
DISCOUNTED PARKING

LIVE MUSIC, RALLY, AND WALK
The Men's March to Stop Rape,
Sexual Assault and Gender Violence

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
Information: dclubb@memphiswomen.org



SCAN TO REGISTER



Memphis Area
WOMEN'S COUNCIL

NO MORE



CRIME STOPPERS
 of Memphis and Shelby County

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SATURDAY
NOV. 7
6PM - 10PM



Scan to purchase
tickets now!

\$75

YOU'RE INVITED

I SHALL NOT DIE BUT LIVE PRESENTS

2nd
**ANNUAL
UNITY**
Gala

This year we will be recognizing women. We are requesting that everyone wears a variant of "Green". Green represents renewal, growth, and harmony. It also symbolizes wealth, prestige, good health, vitality and balance and is symbolic of peace, especially for women.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

450 MULBERRY ST, MEMPHIS, TN 38103, UNITED STATES
FOR SPONSORSHIP CALL 901-315-3376

Attire: This is a black tie event with any shades of "Green"

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They didn't just give me my own bed...

They gave me a place to dream.

How to build relationships as a foster parent that nurture a youth's well-being, culture and identity:

- ☒ Create a safe place for a child to express their emotions and concerns and feel secure during times of uncertainty.
- ☒ Establish daily routines and boundaries to give children a sense of stability in their daily lives.
- ☒ Be patient and understanding of the emotional and behavioral struggles children in care may experience from their trauma.
- ☒ Advocate for the child's best interest and collaborate with teachers, social workers and others in the support team.
- ☒ Commit to developing a relationship with the child and a sense of belonging in your home.
- ☒ Commit to personal development and ongoing learning about trauma-informed care and effective parenting strategies.
- ☒ Adapt to the unique needs and cultural backgrounds of every child
- ☒ Provide unconditional love to help the child develop a positive sense of self-worth.
- ☒ Navigate challenges and setbacks while continuing to care for a child.

FOSTER A CHILD AND CHANGE THEIR FUTURE.



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888-MY-YV-KID
youthvillages.org/foster

FUELING THE FRONTLINES

Current grants and investment resources to help partners grow, sustain, and deepen their impact in Memphis and Shelby County

The Joint Office City of Memphis **Safer Communities Grant** supports the delivery of comprehensive safety initiatives for individuals and neighborhoods at varying risk levels of involvement in community violence. Funding is available under two distinct tiers, Prevention and Intervention, to ensure targeted, high-impact programming. Organizations may only apply under one category and are not eligible to receive funding for both. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review category definitions in the proposal request carefully before submitting. These programs will help the city create safer communities that benefit its citizenry. This program is not meant to be the sole source for funding of an applicant's programs, projects, or services. Grants between \$10,000.00 and \$50,000.00 will be available. The deadline for all applications is Friday, September 25, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST. Click the link below to access the Safer Communities Application:

[Safer Communities Grants Program Link](#)

[FY 2026 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)

Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance
Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: Unknown
Closing Date: 09/24/2026

[FY 2026 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative](#)

Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance
Award Ceiling: \$3,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: TBD
Closing Date: 09/25/2026

[ROSS Rapid Response Program](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development
Award Ceiling: \$250,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 20
Closing Date: 01/25/2027

NOW OPEN

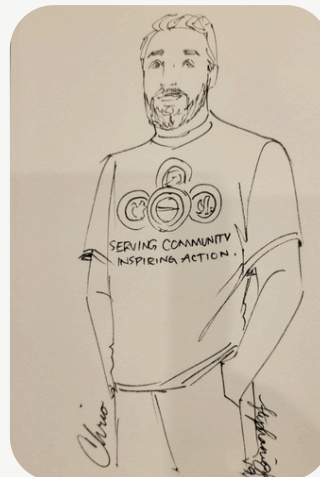
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for Violence Intervention

2026 FALL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

APPLICATIONS DUE **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3 PM ET | 12 PM PT**

[Please read the 2026 Fall Funding Opportunity Guidelines for full details on eligibility and the application process.](#)



“Where'd yall put the forms?!”

Chris R. Johnson
GVRS Coordinator
901 Peace

INSIDE THE JOINT OFFICE

A closer look at the team members supporting partners in community safety efforts

1. Which side of the Joint Office do you work for? **City**
2. What is your hidden talent? **Gardening and useless trivia**
3. What is something you are currently obsessed with? **Growing fig trees**
4. What would you do for a career if you weren't doing this? **A lawyer**
5. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten? **Sea urchin or baby octopus**
6. What is the best trip or vacation you have ever been on? **2 weeks camping in Montana with my bros**
7. What is your favorite movie? **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**
8. What is one skill you've always wanted to learn? **Speak another language fluently**