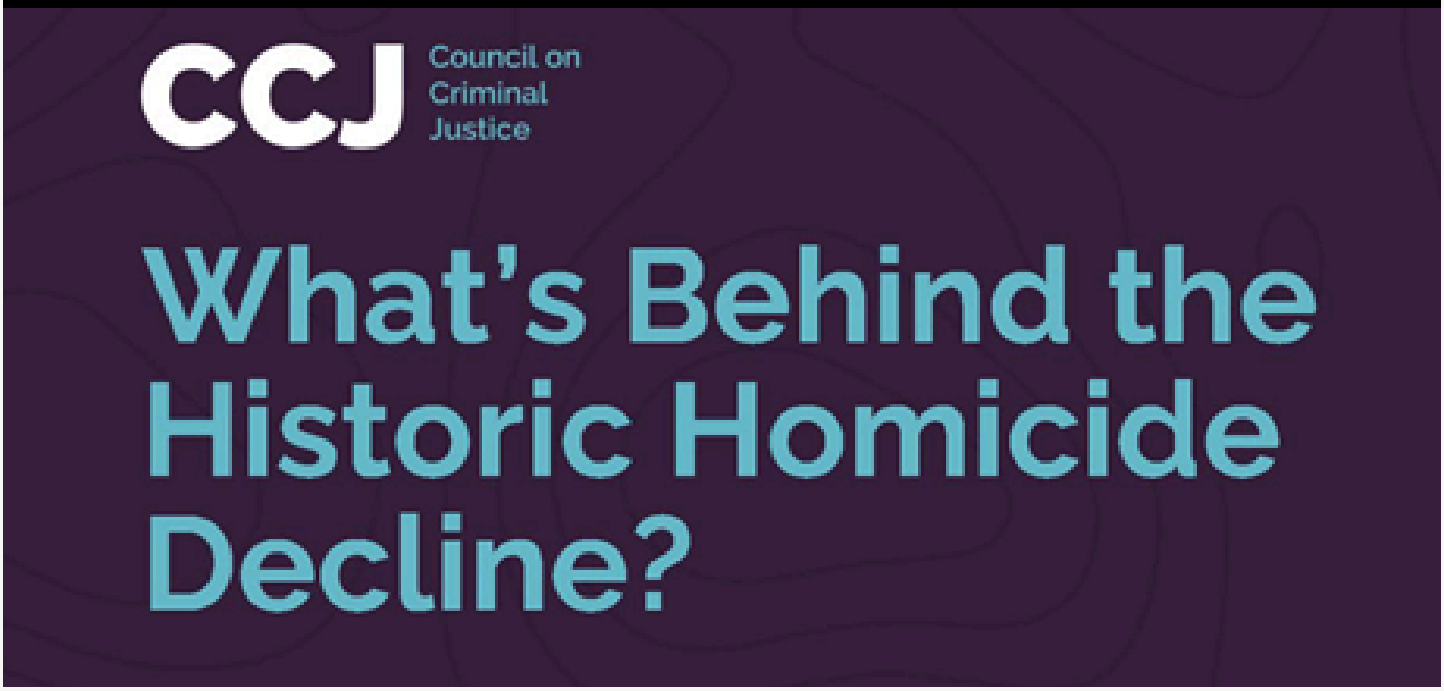
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Across the nation, communities are seeing a historic decline in homicides, raising an important question: What is driving this progress? The Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ) released a new report examining the factors that may be contributing to the historic decline in homicide across the United States. Nearly four dozen researchers assessed close to 50 possible explanations for the decline. Expanded community violence intervention (CVI) was among the few factors that received broad agreement. CVI strategies engage people at the highest risk of violence, building relationships, connecting individuals to resources, and creating opportunities to interrupt cycles of harm before they escalate.

Researchers also pointed to the increased use of focused deterrence, which combines targeted law enforcement strategies with social support for high-risk individuals and groups. Additionally, 68% of researchers said more public safety and support resources in the areas most in need helped reduce violence.

Together, these findings reinforce an important message: reducing violence requires focused, coordinated, and community-centered strategies. While no single factor fully explains the national decline, the research highlights the importance of investing in approaches that reach people and neighborhoods most affected by violence.

In Memphis and Shelby County, this work remains central to the Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement's commitment to strengthening partnerships, investing in community-led solutions, and supporting a comprehensive community violence intervention ecosystem. To read the entire report, click here.

Among the factors examined, expanded community violence intervention received the strongest support, with 91% of researchers rating it a major or limited contributor to the decline and 64% identifying it as one of the leading contributors.

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FOCUS IN

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



Keeping the Momentum Toward a Safer Shelby

Tamika Williams, City of Memphis Director of the Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement, joined U.S. Attorney Mike Dunavant, Memphis Allies' Carl Davis, and Shelby County Sheriff Anthony Buckner as a panelist at the Memphis Crime Commission Community Town Hall at First Baptist Broad. The discussion focused on building upon the community's progress in reducing gun violence while addressing the continued need for safer neighborhoods, as gun violence remains a leading concern among residents.

While Memphis and Shelby County have made meaningful strides in improving public safety, continuous collaboration and community-centered solutions remain essential. Representing the Joint Office, Williams brought a community-centered and focused deterrent perspective to the discussion. By connecting community-based organizations, youth leaders, government agencies, neighborhood advocates, and violence prevention partners, the Joint Office helps strengthen the network of resources and strategies working to reduce violence across Memphis and Shelby County.

Tamika's participation reflects the Joint Office's commitment to working alongside all public safety leaders and community partners to sustain progress, strengthen partnerships, and help build safer, more connected communities throughout Memphis and Shelby County.

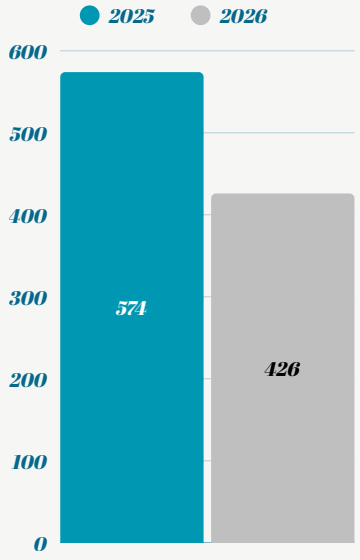
BY THE NUMBERS

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

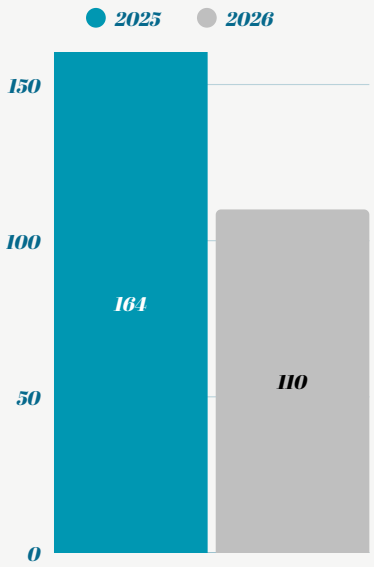
January - October (to date)



2026: 426
2025: 574
(-25.78%)

Murder Incidents

January - October (to date)



2026: 110
2025: 164
(-32.93%)

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

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The 2026 Memphis Hope Summit brings together community leaders, nonprofit professionals, educators, faith leaders, business leaders, practitioners and other local changemakers for a day centered on the power of hope.

Through featured speakers, meaningful conversations and practical insights, the Summit will explore how hope can strengthen individuals, families, organizations and communities while helping build a more hopeful and flourishing Memphis and Shelby County.

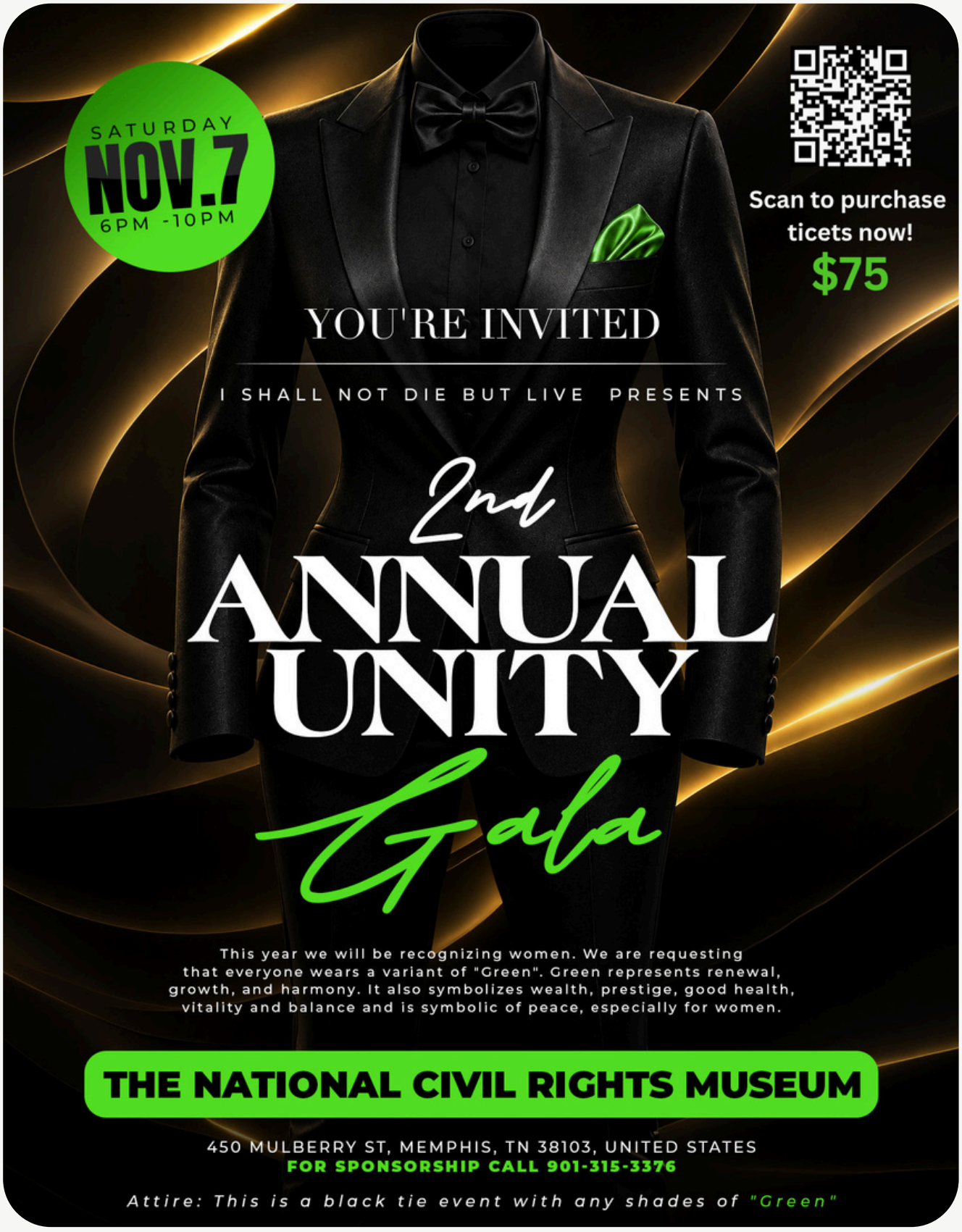
Featured participants include Dr. Chan Hellman, founder of the OU Hope Research Center and co-author of Hope Rising; Dr. Amy Emerson, director of Hope Driven Parenting; Dr. Ashley Cross, founder and executive director of The Hub585; and Kevin Williams. Stan Bell will serve as emcee.

Registration is free, and lunch and refreshments are provided.

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FUELING THE FRONTLINES

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

FY 2026 Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program
Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
Award Ceiling: $1,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: N/A
Closing Date: 10/30/2026

FY 2026 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program
Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Award Ceiling: $750,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 16
Closing Date: 11/02/2026

FY 2026 Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence
Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Award Ceiling: $815,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 9
Closing Date: 11/16/2026

FY 2026 Expanding Youth Access to Community-Based Treatment
Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Award Ceiling: $650,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 96
Closing Date: 11/16/2026

FY 2026 Mentoring for Youth Impacted by Opioids and Other Substance Use
Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention
Award Ceiling: $2,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 15
Closing Date: 11/16/2026

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



WEBINAR SERIES
Cost, Cost-Effectiveness, and Firearm Injury Prevention Strategies
Tuesday, November 17
1 PM EST
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Click Here to Register

Dianitha Faulkner
Community Risk Contract Compliance Specialist

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 favorite holiday?* ***The one where I am off work.***
3. *What is one skill you've always wanted to learn?* ***Painting***
4. *What would you do for a career if you weren't doing this?* ***A writer***
5. *What is your favorite book?* ***Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston***
6. *What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?* ***Escargot***
7. *What is the best piece of career advice you've ever received?* ***Do what you love and get paid for it. (Oprah)***
8. *What would people never guess you do in your role?* ***I get to play with horses, and I absolutely love it!***