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Police Department Violence Reduction Strategies

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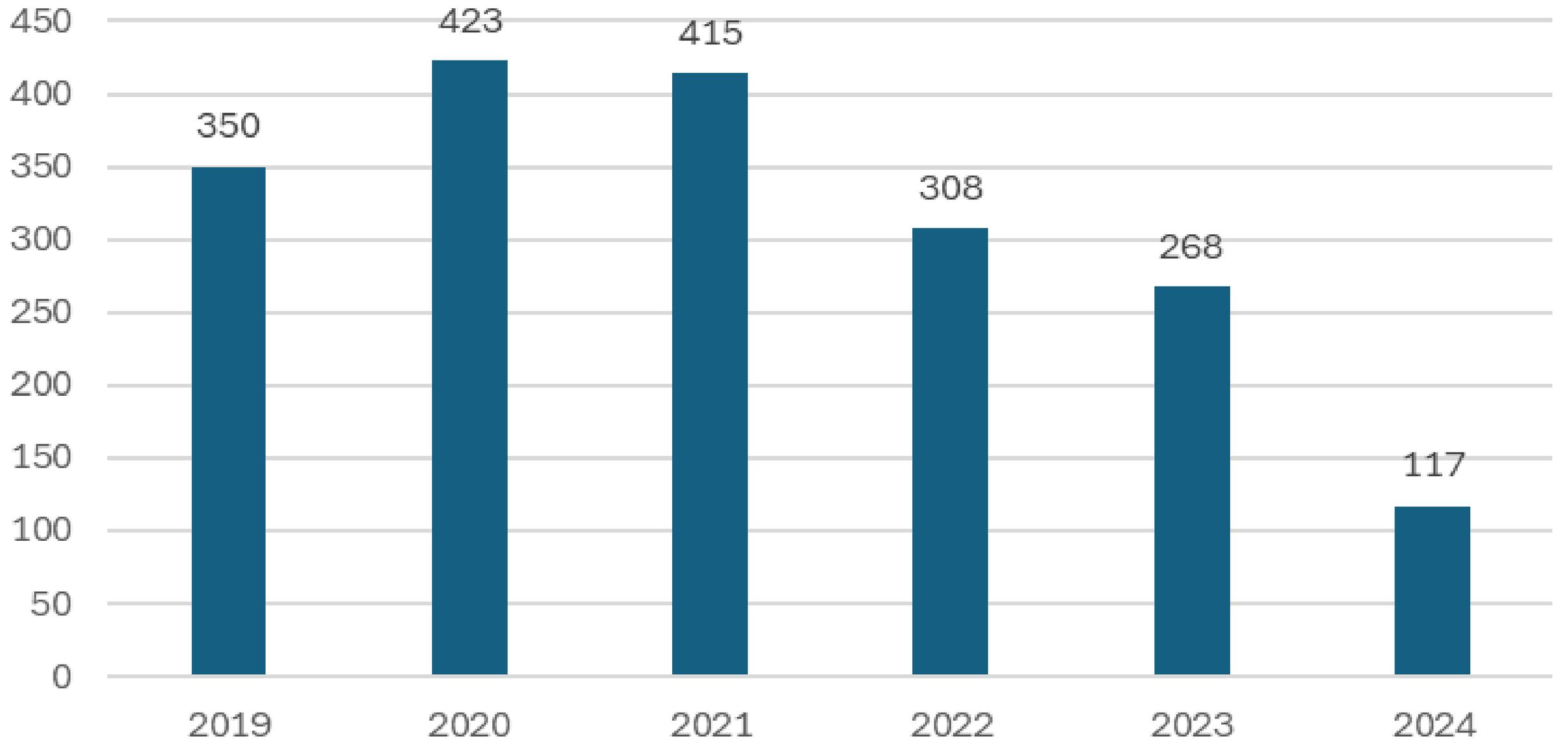
Introduction

- **We plan to share an update on the police department's ongoing efforts to reduce violent crime in our community. Our approach is comprehensive, data-driven, and focused on problem-oriented policing strategies through collaboration with other city departments and community stakeholders .**
- **Violence reduction has been a key priority for the police department, and we are proud to report significant and measurable progress. The police department is focused on ensuring that we have a safe and vibrant community for all community members to enjoy.**

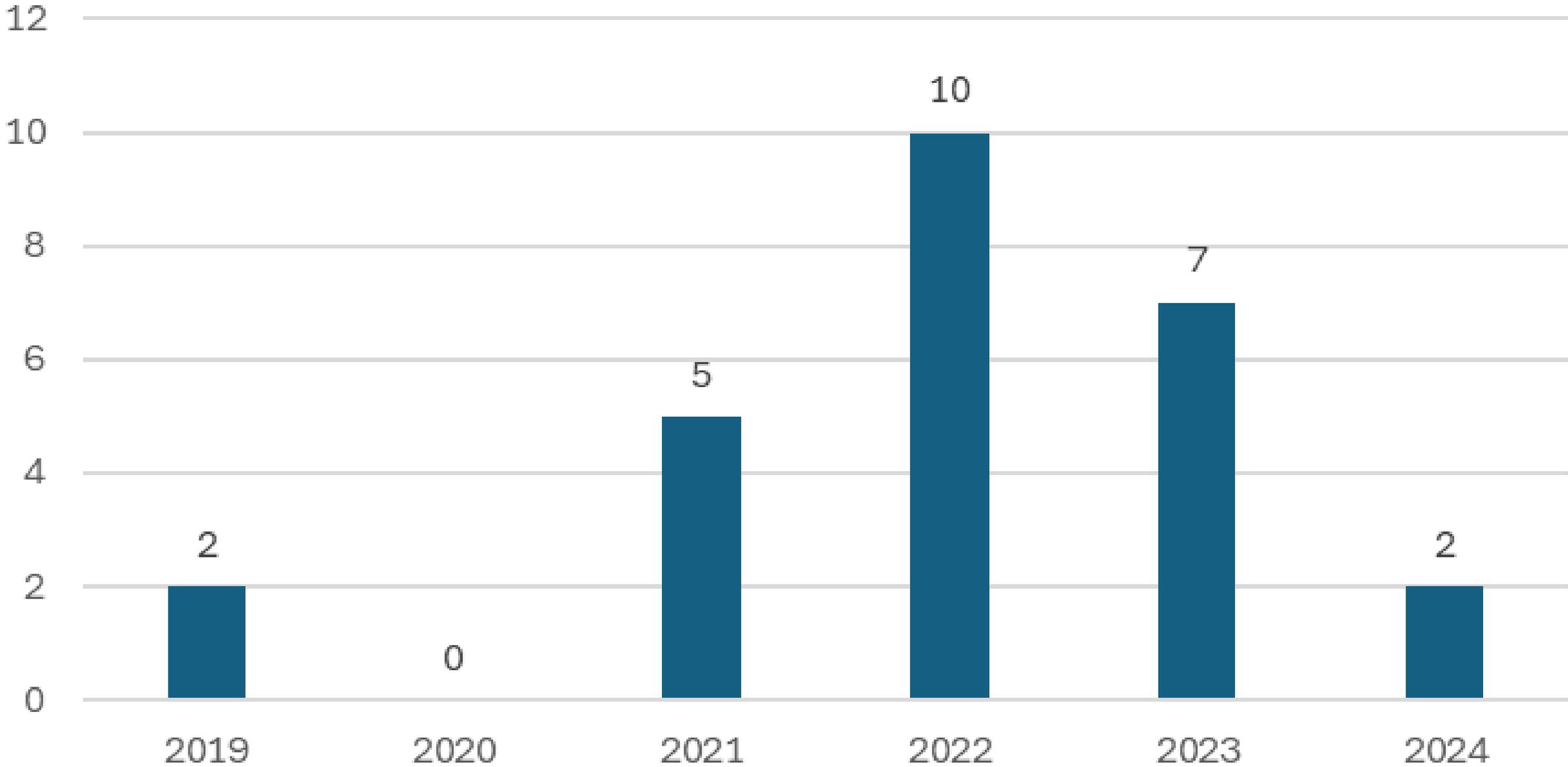
Operational Objectives

- **It starts with clear operational objectives from the Chief of Police**
- **Department Focus on:**
 - **Violence Reduction**
 - **Traffic Enforcement and Safety**
 - **Quality of Life Crimes and Mental Health Support**
 - **Community Engagement**

Shooting Calls YTD (Down 56% 2023-2024)

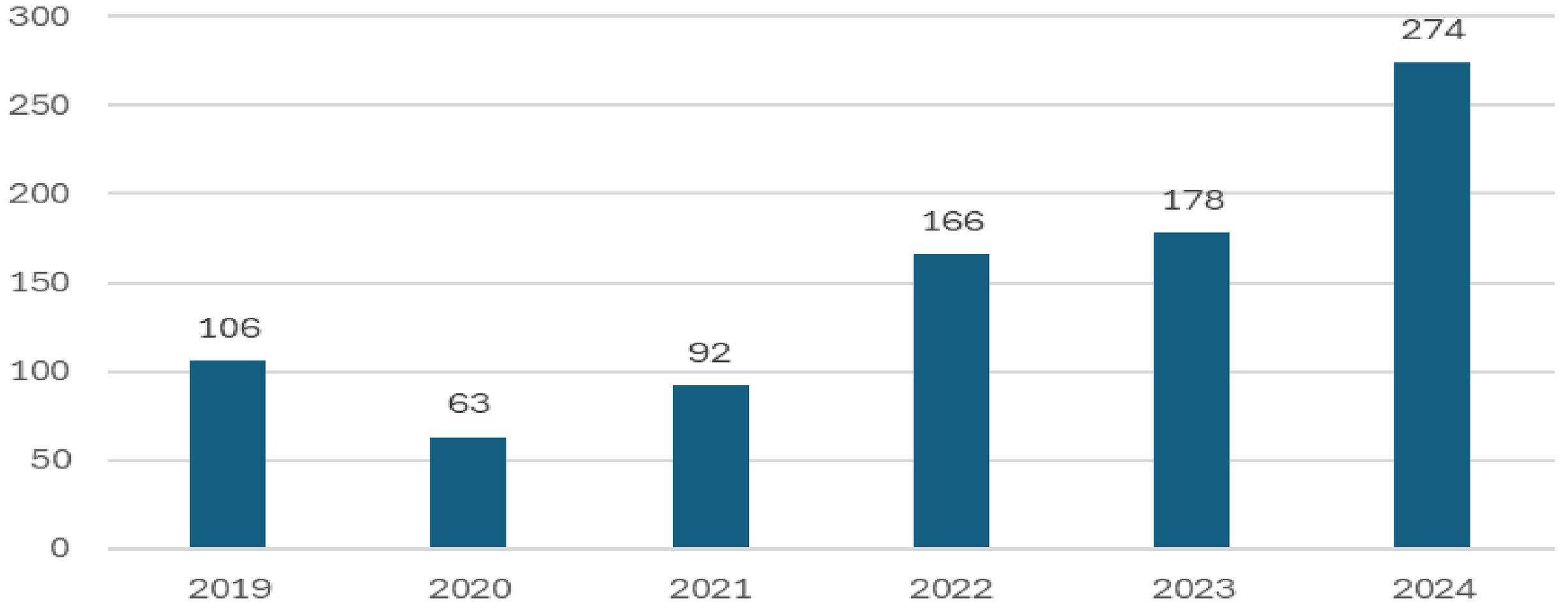


Homicide YTD (Down 71% 2023-2024)

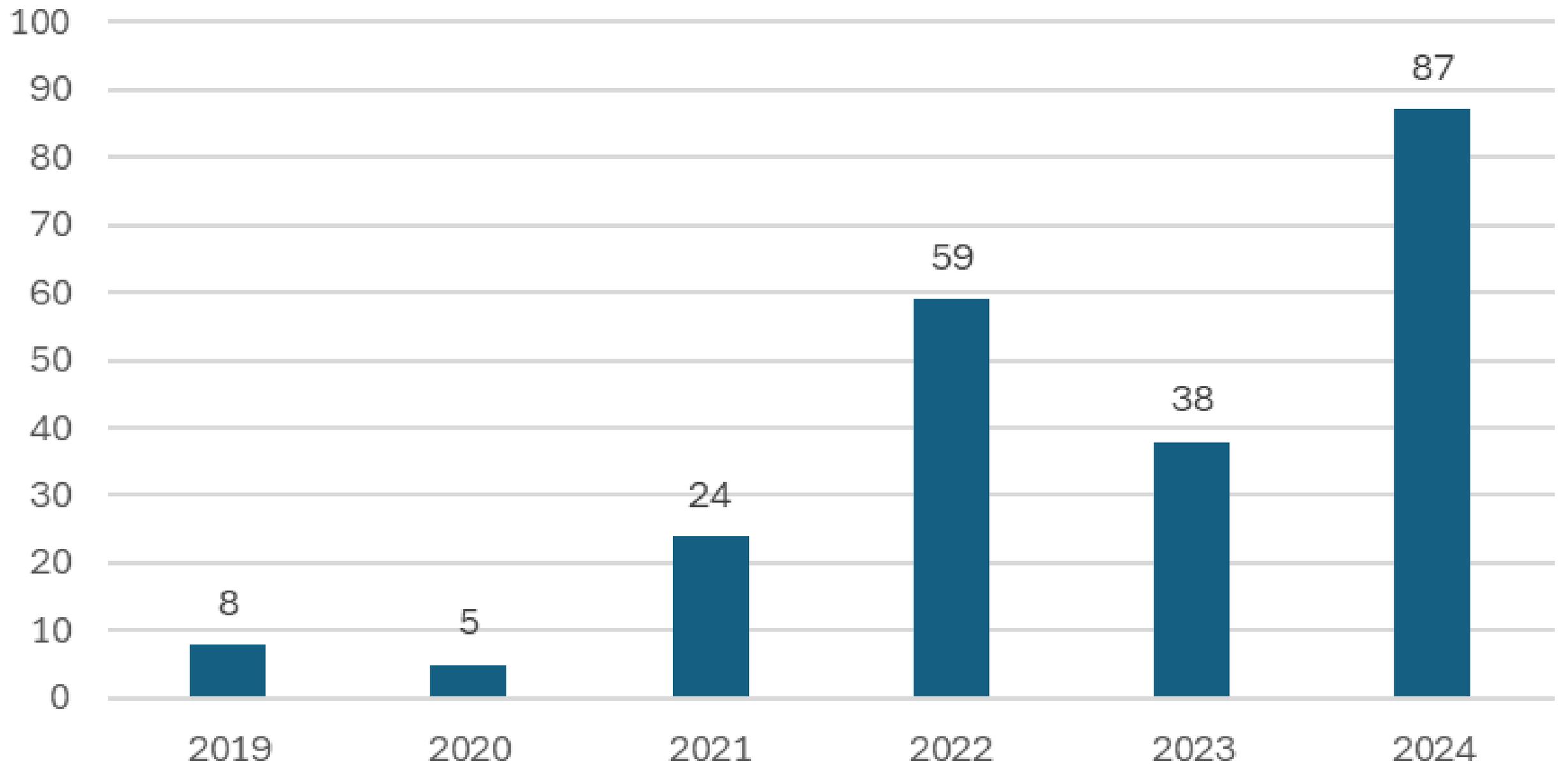


Focus on Proactive Policing

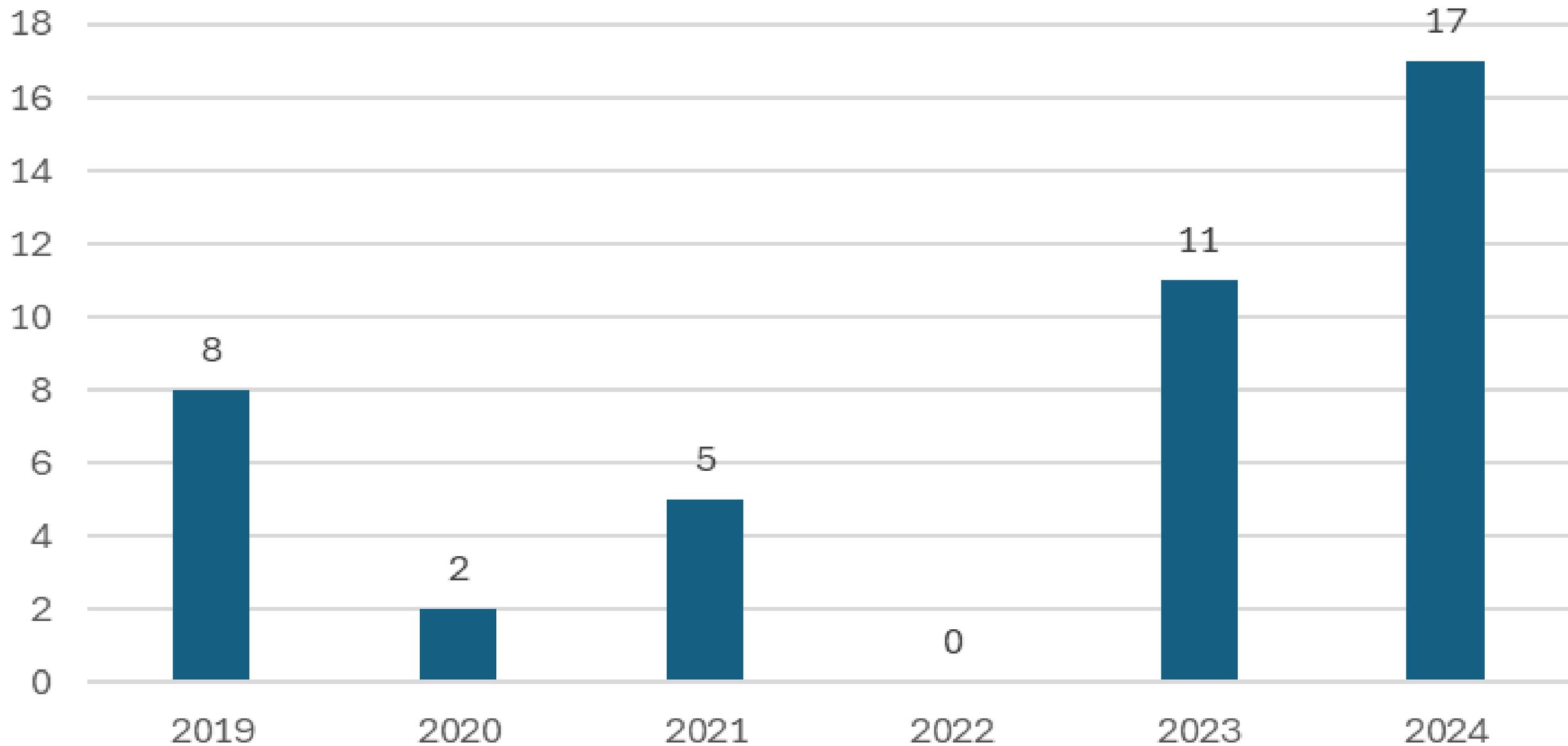
Firearms Seized YTD (Up 54% 2023-2024)



Ghost Guns Seized YTD (Up 129% 2023-2024)



Juvenile Firearm Arrests YTD (Up 55% 2023-2024)



Specialty Teams with Specific Expertise

- **Gang Crimes Team focused on Enforcement, Prevention, Intervention, Education**
- **Special Enforcement Team focused on high visibility uniformed patrols addressing illegal firearms and rapid response to violent crimes**
- **Violent Crimes Team focused on investigating violent crimes and addressing repeat violent offenders**
- **Downtown Enforcement Team focused on homeless impacts and safety downtown and across our public trails**

Data Led Policing Initiative

- **Monthly Beat Report highlighting defined focus areas based on the four operational objectives**
 - **Creation of Patrol Beat Dashboard to document progress and better coordinate police response to issues**
 - **Monthly Agency Data Report to examine community wide crime and police officer response statistics**
 - **Department wide focus on utilizing data to better understand community issues and allocate resources to holistically address them**
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Problem Oriented Policing Principles

- These techniques encourage officers and supervisors to utilize evidence-based approaches to criminal behavior that have not been resolved through traditional police work.
- This idea of identifying and working through problems fits within the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) model of Problem-Oriented Policing (POP).
- These methods have been proven to reduce crime and victimization. Officers are now focusing on addressing the environmental impacts such as lighting or reduced vision from the roadway to help make areas less susceptible to crime.

Impacts of Full Staffing Levels

- **All sworn police officer positions are currently filled, and this allows:**
 - **Improvement on Priority 1 response times**
 - **Specialty teams staffed to capacity**
 - **Higher visibility in the community**
 - **Time for proactive policing efforts**
 - **Ability to diagnose issues in high crime areas and focus on the root causes of the issue**
 - **Capacity to build community connections and partner together to address the concerns**

Focusing on Root Causes of Crime

- **Partnering and collaborating with:**
 - **Violence Prevention Partnership**
 - **Community Engagement Team**
 - **Transportation and Public Works**
 - **Planning and Economic Development**
 - **Community Stakeholders**
 - **School Districts**

Overview of Violence Reduction Strategies

- **Clear direction and operational objectives**
 - **Proactive Policing Efforts**
 - **Efforts of trained Specialty Teams**
 - **Data Led Policing Initiative**
 - **Problem Oriented Policing Principles**
 - **Focus on Root Causes of Crime**
 - **Collaboration with other City Departments**
 - **Impacts of Full Staffing**
 - **The collective work of the men and women of the Santa Rosa Police Department**
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Questions?