



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the Public Safety Committee will be responsible for matters concerning public safety, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness, police services, fire/EMS, & their administrative functions.

The Honorable Mark Conway

CHAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

2/3/2026

1:00PM

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LO25-0005

Crime Reduction & Violence Prevention

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Legislative Oversight Hearing

LO25-0005

Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention

For the purpose of the committee holding regular hearings with the Police Department, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and other agencies to monitor the progress of the City's crime reduction and violence prevention efforts.

BACKGROUND

Baltimore City has seen a significant decrease in violent crime over the past three years. As of August 2025, homicides had [fallen](#) by 40% since 2020. In total, as of [December 1, 2025](#), the City experienced 127 homicides – the lowest recorded level since at least 1970, 54 fewer than this time last year – and 288 nonfatal shootings, 97 fewer than the previous year.

Likewise, the City has seen a reduction in other forms of violent crime and gun violence. As of December 1, 2025, the City saw a 29.8% decrease in homicides; a 25.2% decrease in non-fatal shootings; an 11% decrease in aggravated assaults; a 29% decrease in auto thefts; a 36% decrease in carjackings; and, a 29% drop in robberies, compared to the same time last year.

The Administration has credited the steep reduction in violent crime with the [Group Violence Reduction Strategy](#) – a partnership between the Mayor, via the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. Broadly, the strategy works to engage with those involved in and affected by violence and connect them with resources and services through efforts by its partners, such as the City's [Safe Streets](#) program, and outside providers including [Roca](#) and [Youth Advocate Programs](#).

FISCAL NOTE

The City's Fiscal Year (FY) [2026 Budget](#) allocates \$614,014,239 to BPD. Primarily, this allocation comes from the City's General Fund (over \$560 million), with smaller amounts coming from State, Federal, and Special sources. Of the services within BPD's budget, Police Patrol accounts for the largest projected expenditure, totaling over \$220 million, followed by Criminal Investigation at about \$110 million, Compliance at just over \$80 million, and Administration at about \$75 million. None of the Department's other services exceed \$32 million.

Since [FY22](#), the Department's budget has increased significantly – by about 16% from FY22 to FY26 – with the Department spending \$529,722,945 in FY22. Like the FY26 budget, the FY22 actual spend was mainly dedicated to patrol, investigation, and administration; however, the Department's actual and projected spending on compliance has increased far more relative to other services between FY22 and FY26. In FY22 the Department spent just over \$30 million on compliance but by FY26 the Department's budgeted spend for compliance has grown to over \$82 million – a 172% increase.

The total MONSE budget projections for FY25 and FY26 are significantly higher than the actual FY 2024 spend due to increased funding from federal, state, and special grant sources, and spending on expanded services. Like BPD, MONSE's funding has grown significantly from its actual FY22 budget of just above \$8 million to \$22,403,410 in FY26 – a 178.6% increase. Among its services, MONSE is allocated \$13 million for Neighborhood safety and Engagement, with sub-\$5million allocations to Criminal Justice Coordination, Community Empowerment and Opportunity, and Coordination of Public Safety Strategy – Administration.

REPORTING AGENCIES

- Baltimore Police Department

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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



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Crime Reduction & Violence Prevention

Agency Reports



BALTIMORE POLICE

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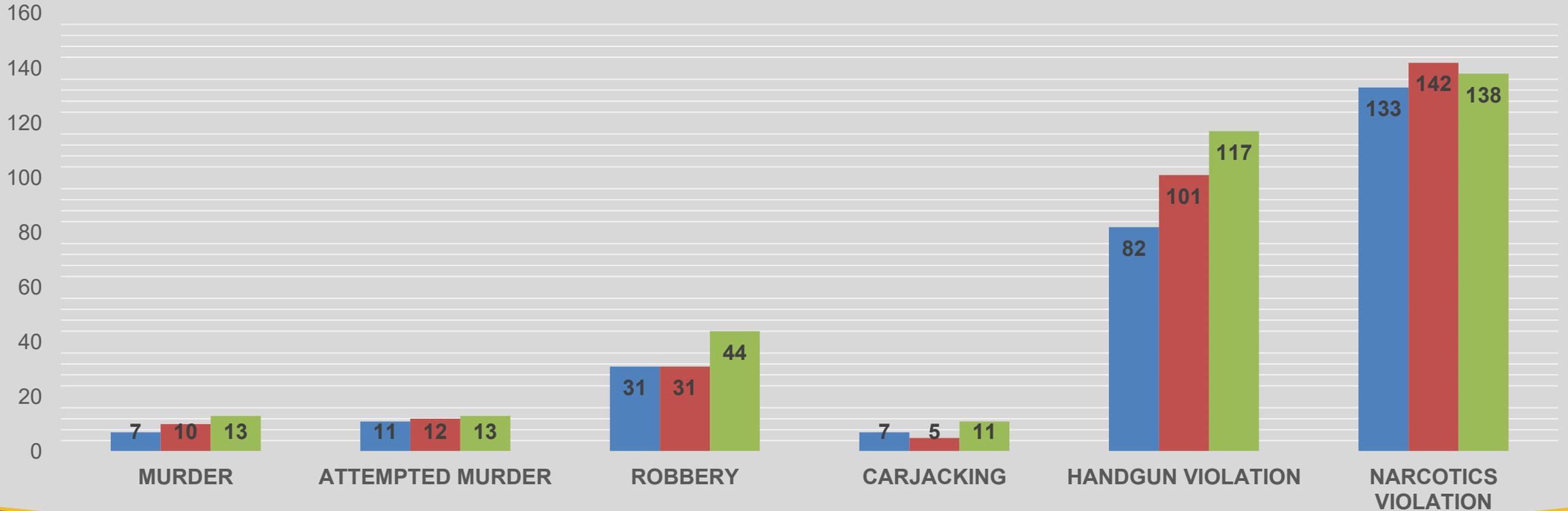
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SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

ADULT BPD ARRESTS CENTRAL BOOKING INTAKE FACILITY

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



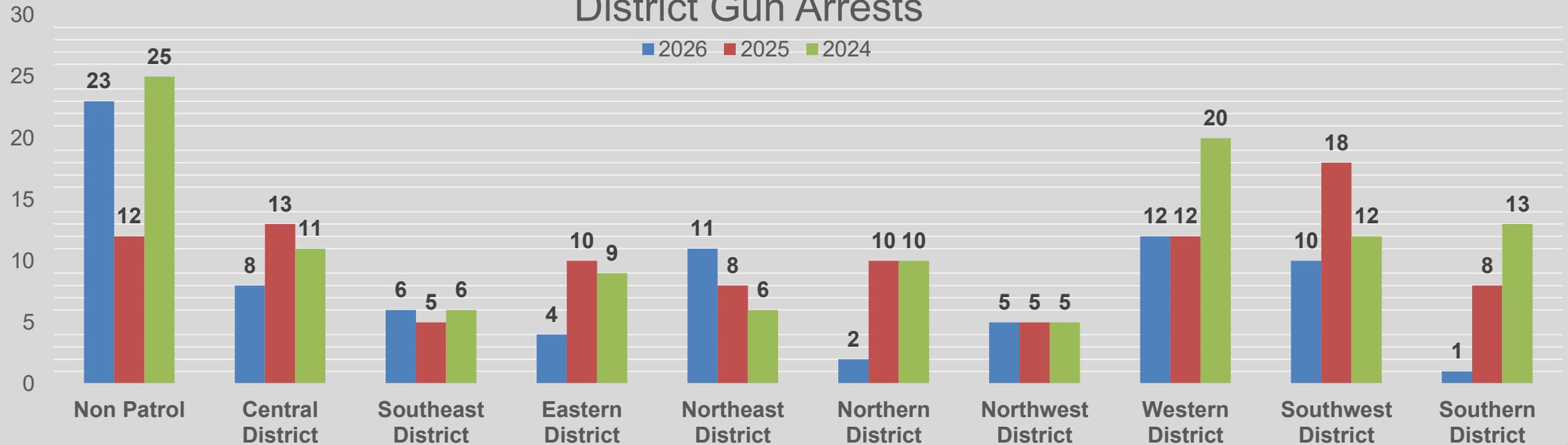
ARRESTS FOR ALL YEARS
THROUGH JANUARY 27

**No deduplication of arrests. Some arrests may count in more than one category.*

GUN-RELATED ARRESTS

| Year | Patrol | Non-Patrol | Total |
|------|----------|------------|-----------|
| 2026 | 59 - 34% | 23 92% | 82 - 19% |
| 2025 | 89 - 3% | 12 - 52% | 101 - 14% |
| 2024 | 92 | 25 | 117 |

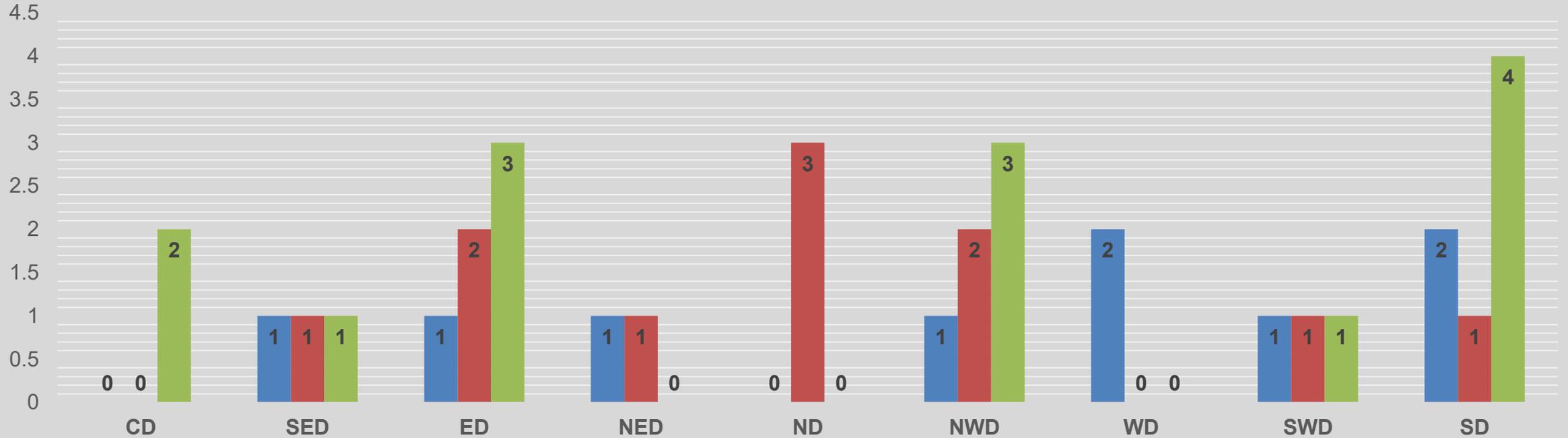
District Gun Arrests



CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Homicides by District

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024



| YEAR | CD | SED | ED | NED | ND | NWD | WD | SWD | SD | Total |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| 2026 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 2025 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| 2024 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 14 |

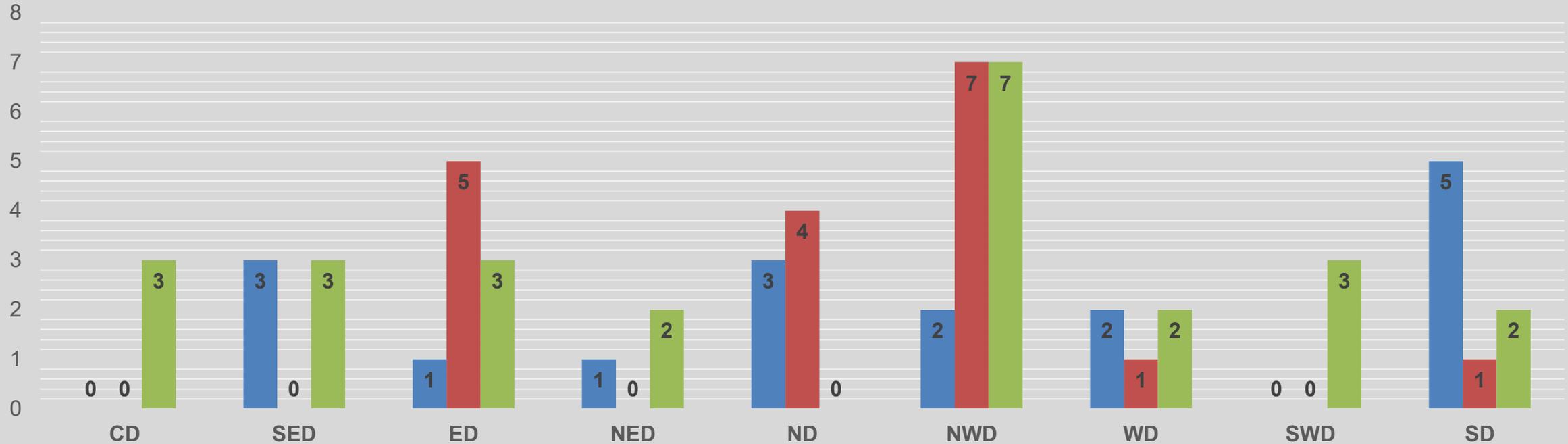


VICTIM COUNTS FOR ALL YEARS
THROUGH JANUARY 27

CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Non-fatal Shootings by District

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024

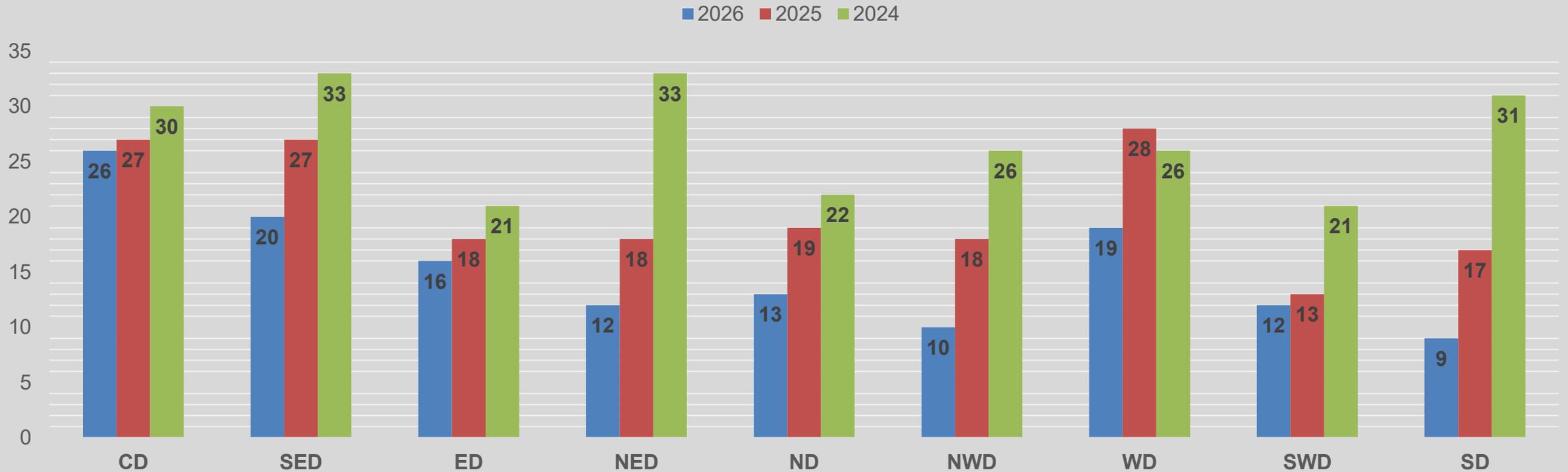


| YEAR | CD | SED | ED | NED | ND | NWD | WD | SWD | SD | Total |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| 2026 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 17 |
| 2025 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| 2024 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 25 |



CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Robberies by District



| YEAR | CD | SED | ED | NED | ND | NWD | WD | SWD | SD | Total |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| 2026 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 137 |
| 2025 | 27 | 27 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 28 | 13 | 17 | 185 |
| 2024 | 30 | 33 | 21 | 33 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 31 | 234 |

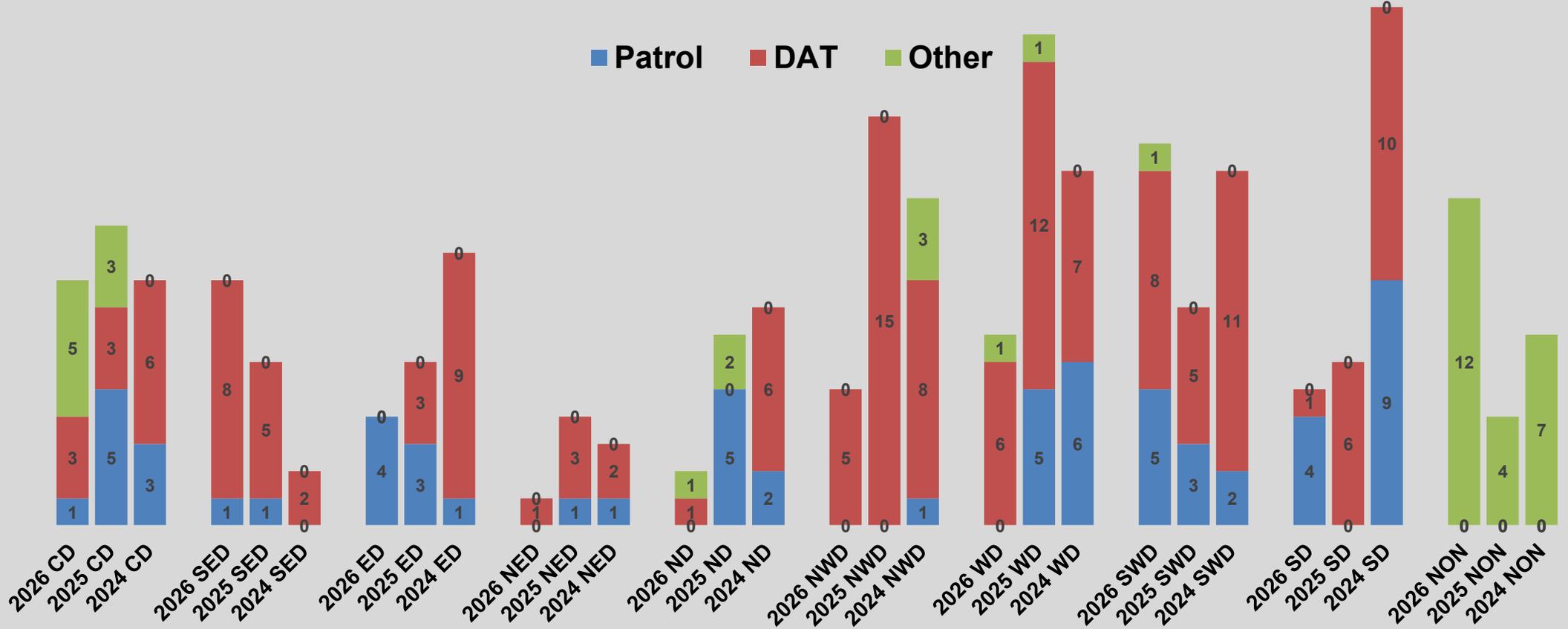


CITYWIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

| CRIME TYPE | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Rape | 15 | 11 | 27 |
| Agg. Assault | 318 | 295 | 284 |
| Burglary | 181 | 222 | 191 |
| Auto Theft | 256 | 304 | 617 |
| Larceny | 366 | 363 | 329 |
| Larceny from Auto | 232 | 245 | 333 |
| Larceny of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories | 125 | 114 | 139 |
| Shoplifting | 239 | 243 | 212 |
| Arson | 7 | 7 | 7 |



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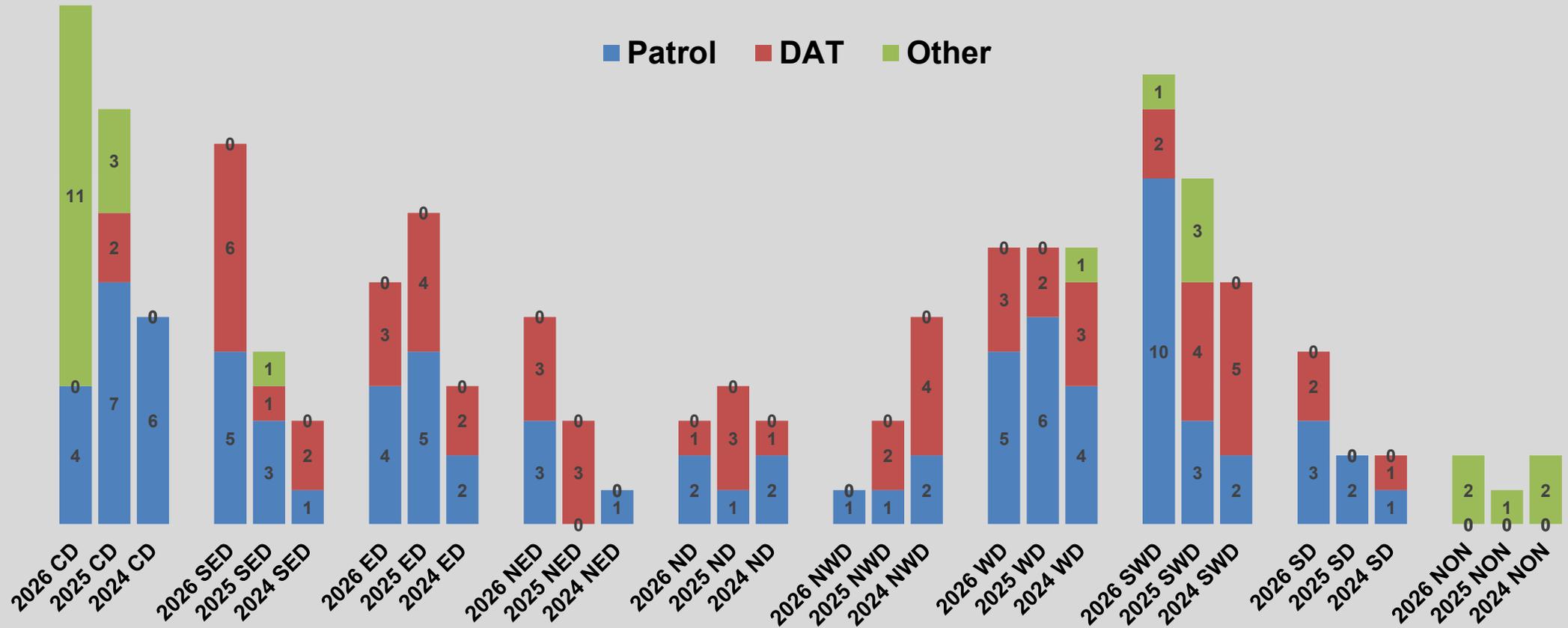


| YEAR | CD | SED | ED | NED | ND | NWD | WD | SWD | SD | NON | Total |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 2026 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 68 |
| 2025 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 85 |
| 2024 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 19 | 7 | 96 |



ARRESTS FOR ALL YEARS THROUGH JANUARY 27

MISDEMEANOR CDS ARRESTS

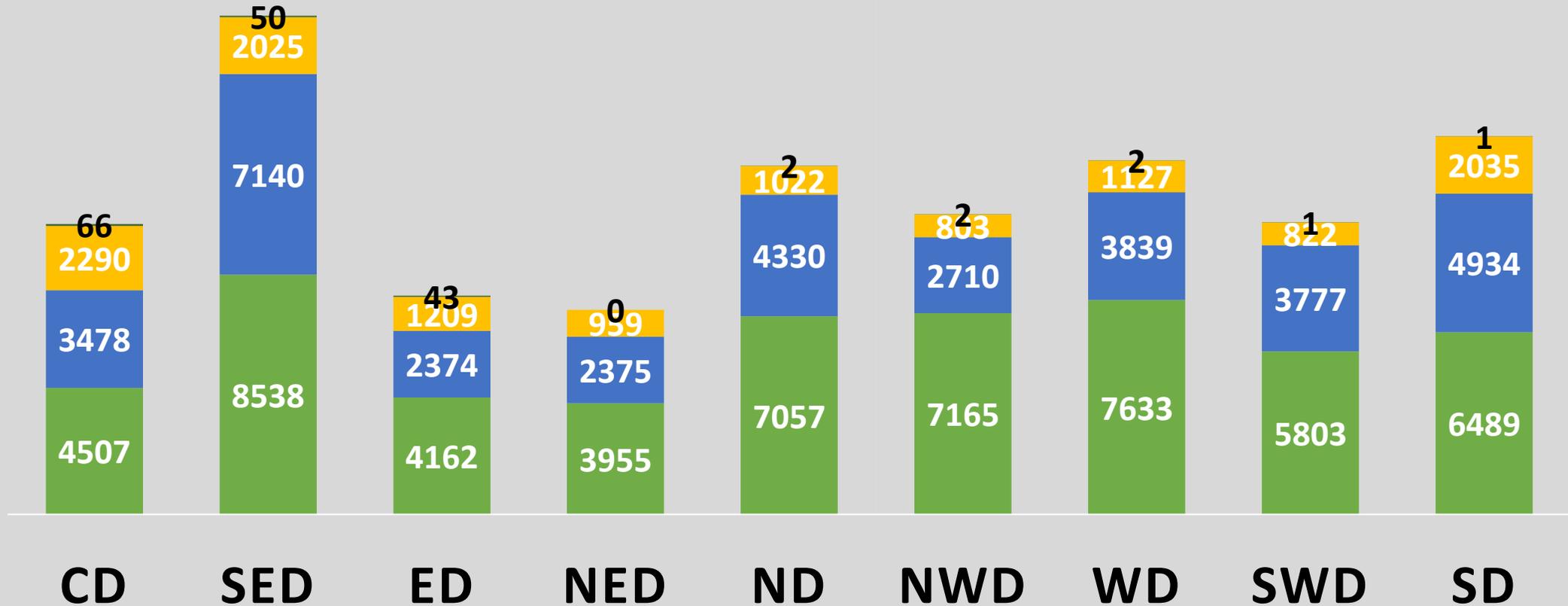


| YEAR | CD | SED | ED | NED | ND | NWD | WD | SWD | SD | NON | Total |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 2026 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 71 |
| 2025 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 57 |
| 2024 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 42 |



CAD PROACTIVITY

■ BUSINESS CHECK
 ■ FOOT PATROL
 ■ TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
 ■ BICYCLE PATROL



ACTIVITY FOR CURRENT YEAR THROUGH JANUARY 27

^Minimum four (4) minute call duration

Citywide Traffic Team

- **The Citywide Traffic Team**
 - Started enforcement on January 18th, 2026
 - During the first two weeks, the team completed specialized training across multiple traffic-related disciplines.
- **Each officer is assigned to a specific district and serves as a liaison to district leadership**
- **Data Driven Focus**
 - Central District
 - Addressing day-to-day traffic issues
 - Downtown footprint

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Car Stops | 405 |
| Total Moving Violations | 363 |
| Total Repairs Orders Issued | 72 |
| Total Warnings Provided | 334 |
| Total Parking Citations Issued | 10 |
| Total Vehicle Towed | 13 |
| DUI Related Arrest | 1 |
| Total number of Arrests | 7 |

* Jan 18th – Jan 27th



Entertainment District Unit - 2025

| 2025 ENTD Totals | Aug – Sept | Oct | Nov | December | Totals |
|-----------------------|------------|------|------|----------|--------|
| Calls for Service | 1519 | 844 | 615 | 383 | 3361 |
| Reports Written | 150 | 110 | 133 | 98 | 491 |
| Bike Patrols | 159 | 53 | 2 | 0 | 214 |
| Vehicle Stops | 1276 | 888 | 1099 | 1366 | 4629 |
| Business Checks | 5216 | 2744 | 3060 | 3393 | 14413 |
| Moving Violations | 234 | 257 | 234 | 270 | 995 |
| Parking Tickets | 1023 | 385 | 445 | 260 | 2113 |
| Repair Orders | 134 | 25 | 10 | 22 | 191 |
| Criminal Citations | 13 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 30 |
| Civil Citations | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Investigative Stops | 0 | 17 | 11 | 9 | 37 |
| Guns Recovered | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Tows | 17 | 25 | 49 | 31 | 122 |
| Foot Patrol | 6340 | 3126 | 2682 | 2811 | 14959 |
| Scooter Tow(Dec Only) | | | | 17 | 17 |
| HGV | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 |



Entertainment District Unit – January

| Call Type | Totals |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Calls for Service | 292 |
| Reports Written | 27 |
| Bike Patrols | 0 |
| Vehicle Stops | 440 |
| Business Checks | 891 |
| Moving Violations | 143 |
| Parking Tickets | 75 |
| Repair Orders | 4 |
| Criminal Citations | 12 |
| Civil Citations | 0 |
| Investigative Stops | 3 |
| Guns Recovered | 4 |
| Tows | 5 |
| Foot Patrol | 974 |
| Scooter Tow(Dec Only) | 9 |
| HGV | 2 |



RECRUITMENT

■ Recruitment Efforts

- Recruitment campaign across multiple media platforms
 - Leading to significant increase in recruitment website traffic
 - Peaking at over 4,000 interactions per month online
 - Continuing positive recruitment trend

■ Police Recruits

- 229 POTs hired in 2025 compared to 159 in 2024*
- 5 classes in 2025

■ Cadets

- 27 hired in 2025 compared to 14 in 2024
- 7 have transitioned to Police Trainees compared to 1 in 2024**

■ Class 26-01

- 65 total participants
- 58 BPD recruits
- 1st of 5 classes expected in 2026



* New recruits excludes lateral, rehires, and reinstatements

** as of 11/10/25

Youth & Community Updates

- **MAITF**
- **Community Engagement Forms**
- **NCO Training**
- **Expansion of NPP**
- **Youth Initiatives**

