



SPOKANE POLICE

March 2, 2026 Public Safety & Community Health Committee

PURSUIITS ENDING IN ARREST

2024

16 pursuits, 88% (14) involved arrests

- 8 pursuits involved Robbery or Burglary charges (3 specifically Carjacking)
- 4 pursuits involved Assault or Kidnapping charges
- 1 pursuit involved a Felony Fugitive Warrant
- 1 pursuit involved Attempt to Elude charges
- 2 involved no arrests
 - Suspect pursued was misidentified as associated with shooting
 - Vehicle identified with a drive-by shooting, but officers never located the suspect

2025

3 pursuits, 100% involved arrest

- 1 pursuit involved Robbery charges (specifically Carjacking)
- 1 pursuit involved Assault charges
- 1 pursuit involved DUI charges (Out of Policy)

YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE

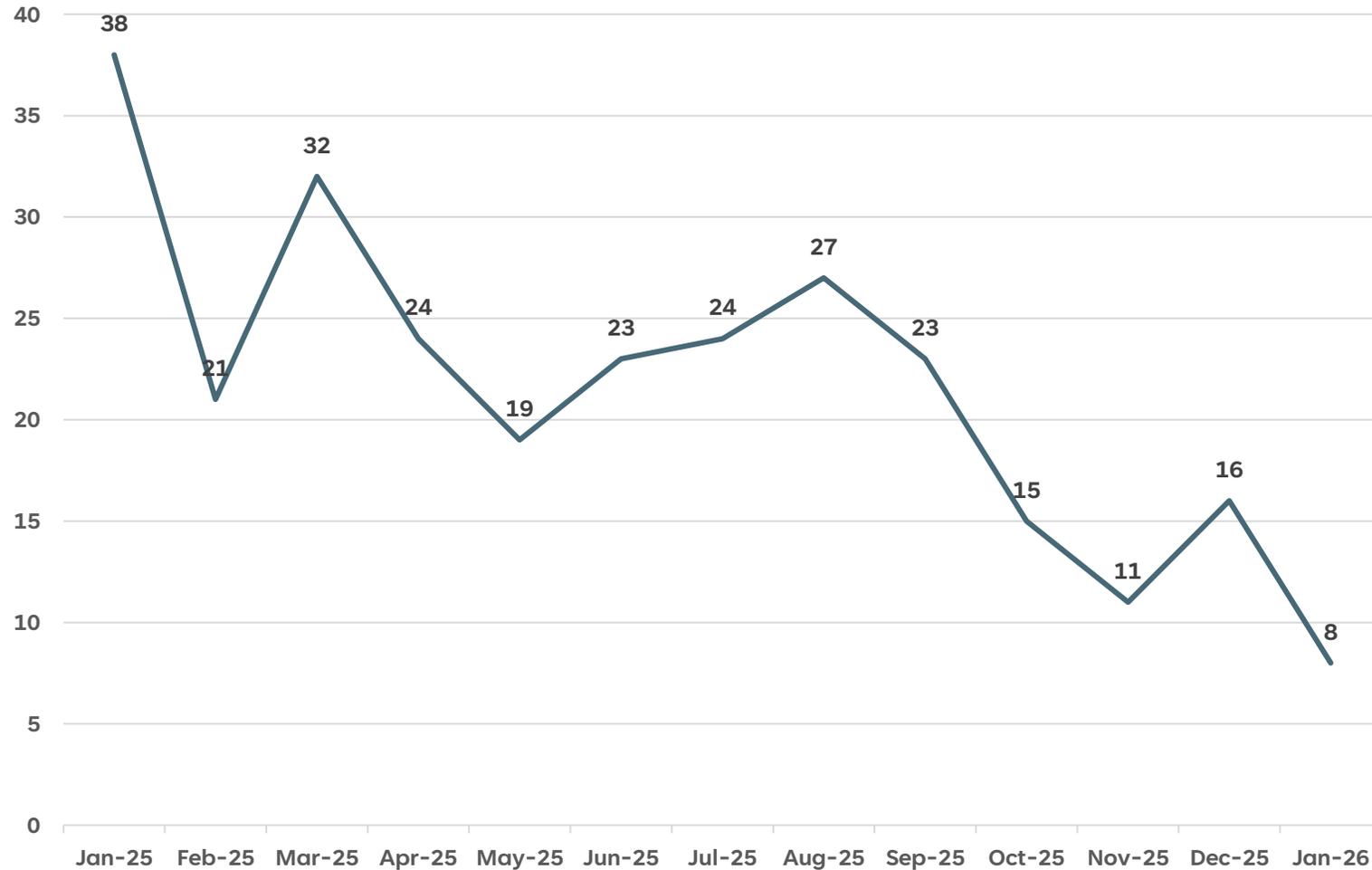
- Place-based interventions (*alter the place dynamics*)
 - Hotspot policing
 - Auto-dispatch officers to violent crime hotspots
 - Give guidance on what officers should do in locations
- People-focused interventions (*address the individuals/networks*)
 - Message of increased law enforcement attention, combined with pathways out of violence
 - Can work with laws that limit interventions
- Community interventions (*empower the community*)
 - Bolster relationships with schools, community organizations, city/county partners, other key stakeholders

GUN CRIME UNIT (TACTICAL INVESTIGATIONS)

- Patrol-based team of officers and detectives
- Responsibilities
 - Work shift that mirrors times of gun-related crimes
 - Respond to all in-progress gun-related crimes when practical
 - Be available for all outs for significant gun-related crimes
 - Case management
 - Work closely with patrol to locate and apprehend suspects involved in gun-related crimes
 - Intelligence gathering and information sharing
 - Support internal unit relationships and collaboration (deconfliction)
 - Support outreach gun violence mitigation coordinator mission

DRUG OVERDOSES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Spokane County Fatal Overdoses: Jan 2025- Jan 2026



NALOXONE "LEAVE BEHIND PROGRAM"

- Initiated program in December 2025 after proper training and familiarization
 - Focus on Downtown Precinct
- SPD received 400, 2-dose packs (**800 doses**) of Naloxone for distribution as part of the DOH program
- In December 2025, the Downtown Precinct distributed **74 doses**
 - To individuals and small businesses in high impact areas

NALOXONE "LEAVE BEHIND PROGRAM" CONT.

- Currently have **288**, 2-dose packs, in main storage for future distribution
- In January, **75**, 2-dose packs (**150 doses**) were outstanding between:
 - Packs "left behind" by DT officers
 - Packs in possession of DT officers ready for future deployment in the field

PATHWAYS TO TREATMENT

- Community Court
- Consistent Care
- Catholic Charities Outreach
- Pioneer Navigators
- Union Gospel Mission (UGM)
- Navigation Center
- SFD Cares Team
- Lutheran Community Services
- Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)

WHAT OFFERS OF SERVICES LOOK LIKE

- Make contact with an individual for a variety of reasons
 - Triage interview
- Officer will talk with the individual about service options based on individual needs
 - Connect with services or take to a shelter if unhoused
 - Community court options
- Catholic Charities or Pioneer Navigators may travel to site for a warm handoff
- Focus on finding a ride
- Goal is to connect individuals to services

BREAKDOWN OF CATEGORIES OF SERVICES OFFERED

- Crisis Stabilization Center
- Emergency Shelter
- Day Center
- Emergency Room
- Substance Use Treatment
- Housing Support
- Urgent Care Facility

CITATION DATA BREAKDOWN

Since the inception of the current ordinance in October of 2025, **ten** individuals have been cited more than once in a calendar day. Of those ten:

- **1** received 2 citations within a 60-minute period.
 - The citations were issued by 2 different officers in 2 different locations.
- **9** individuals had breaks exceeding 60 minutes, and all but one were at different locations when cited.
 - All these individuals received two citations on the same calendar day.
- Only **1** individual received 3 citations on the same day. These citations were subsequently dismissed due to a mental health competency evaluation on the court side.

Officers do not always know whether an individual has already been cited by another officer on the same day, particularly if the infraction occurred in a different location.

CITATION BREAKDOWN CONT.

Most individuals have received only one citation:

- 421 individuals have received a single citation
- 94 individuals have received two citations
- 30 individuals have received three citations
- 12 individuals have received four citations
- 9 individuals have received five citations
- 2 individuals have received six citations
 - Both individuals have been transferred out of community court
- 2 individuals have received seven citations
- 1 individual has received ten citations
 - Same individual listed above whose cases have been dismissed due to competency issues and a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) diagnosis (all citations have been dismissed)

CITATION BREAKDOWN CONCLUSION

- **74%** of the individuals cited received 1 citation since October 28, 2025
- **84%** of the individuals cited received 1 or 2 citations since October 28, 2025
- **16%** of the individuals cited since October 28, 2025, have received 3 or more citations
 - Disproportionate impact on services
- **1.75%** have received more than 1 citation on a calendar day since October 28, 2025

*Internal SPD Data cross-validated with court data, October 28, 2025 – February 11, 2026
Excludes the individual with severe behavioral health issues

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES: CONTACTS BY PRECINCT (FORMS)

- Downtown – 491 people
- South – 186 people
- Northeast – 140 people
- Northwest – 86 people
- No address info (no precinct assigned) - 184 people

The number of people listed reflects contacts per interaction, NOT unique individuals. The same individual may be counted more than once if they were involved in multiple interactions.

Downtown = **54%** of all logged contacts with address available

Riverside neighborhood – **35%** people contacted (based on completed forms)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WARNED VERSUS CITED FROM FORMS

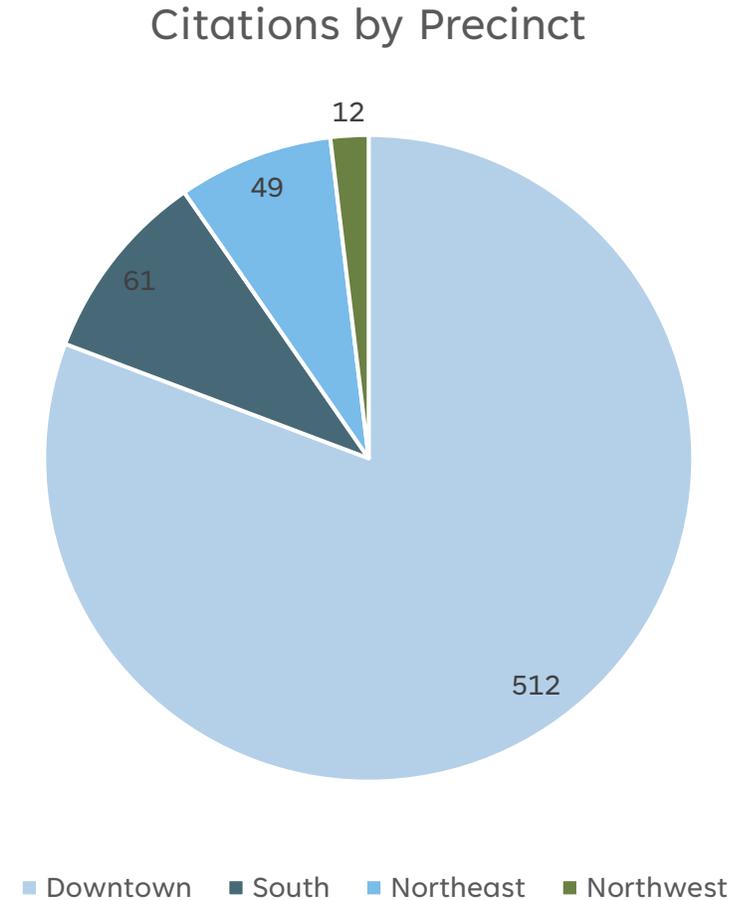
- **289 PEOPLE CONTACTED WITH WARNINGS AS DOCUMENTED IN THE FORM**
- **244 CITATIONS**
- **54% OF THE DOCUMENTED ACTIVITY IS A WARNING ONLY**
- **46% RESULTS IN AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

CITATIONS BY PRECINCT

- Downtown – 512
- South – 61
- Northeast – 49
- Northwest – 12

Downtown - 80% of all the citations issued.

Riverside neighborhood – 65%



DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

- **Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (D.I.T.E.P)** - teaches school nurses, counselors, administrators, and security in the schools how to detect use early so they can identify this, address the concerns, and attempt to intervene through treatment, counseling, or a variety of other available service
- **Current Drug Trends** – Education course for Medical Professionals, Medical Providers, Treatment Providers, School Administrators and Nurses, Courts, Probation, Parole, Juvenile Court and Probation

DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

- **Teens in the Driver's Seat Program** – works in the school system with a peer-to-peer approach to many risk-taking behaviors like DUI driving, texting while driving, seatbelt use and substance use
- **West Spokane Wellness Partnership and the Cheney Coalition** – present on drugs, Vaping, and other substance used by youth
- **Spokane Juvenile Detention Facilities** – present on substance use and impaired driving

2025 CRIME COUNTS ARE BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS

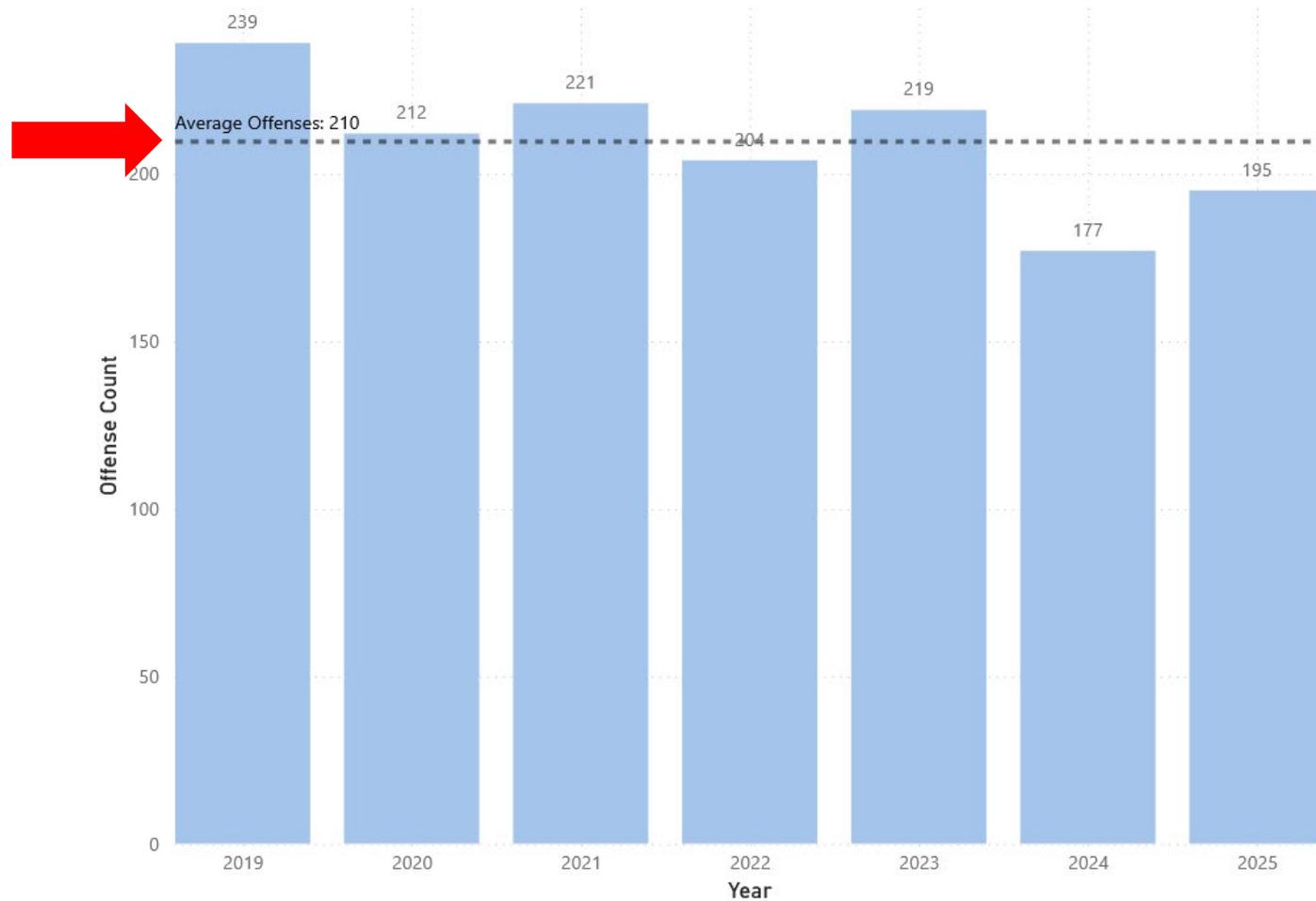
Offense	2019	2024	2025	% change from 2019 to 2025	% change from 2024 to 2025
All person and property crimes	29,987	27,186	23,282	-22.4%	-14.4%
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	6	16	10	+33.3%**	-37.5%**
Rape	239	177	191	-20.1%	+7.9%
Aggravated assault	1,014	1,040	957	-5.6%	-8.0%
Robbery	321	334	271	-15.6%	-18.9%
Burglary	1,874	1,524	1,229	-34.4%	-19.4%
Larceny*	10,488	8,604	7,953	-24.2%	-7.6%
Motor vehicle theft	1,328	1,240	835	-37.1%	-32.7%
Person crimes	6,742	6,476	6,113	-9.3%	-5.6%
Property crimes	23,245	20,710	17,169	-26.1%	-17.1%

*Includes: all other larceny, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, stolen property offenses, theft from building, theft from coin-operated machine, theft from motor vehicle

**Small numbers arbitrarily inflate percent changes. These statistics should be interpreted with caution.

WHY THE INCREASE IN RAPES?

NATURAL VARIATION IN THE DATA



LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT (LETCSA)

- State-mandated training requirements
 - Patrol Tactics
 - The Historical Intersection of Race and Policing
 - Alternatives to Booking
 - Implicit and Explicit Bias
 - Understanding Local Cultures
- Additional 24 hours of in-service training and 16 hours of online training

LETCSA IN-PERSON TRAINING PROPOSED AGENDA

- Introductions
- Legal Updates (RCW's, WAC, LETCSA, HB 1310, HB 1735, HB 2037)
- Emotional Intelligence
- Discussion of the Principle used in Patrol Tactics
- Introduction to Applied Skill and Applied Skill Practice – High Risk Handcuffing
- Classroom/Applied Skills Practice – Critical Life Saving Skills (Wound Sweeps, Use of Tourniquets)
- Stations - Vehicle & Person Contacts, Critical Life Saving Skills
- Written Exam
- Applied Skill Stations, 1 Full Traffic Stop/HRVS Scenario
- Scenario – Behavioral Health Crisis Call (Person in crisis – knife - Full Scenario)

ICAT TRAINING: INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS & TACTICS

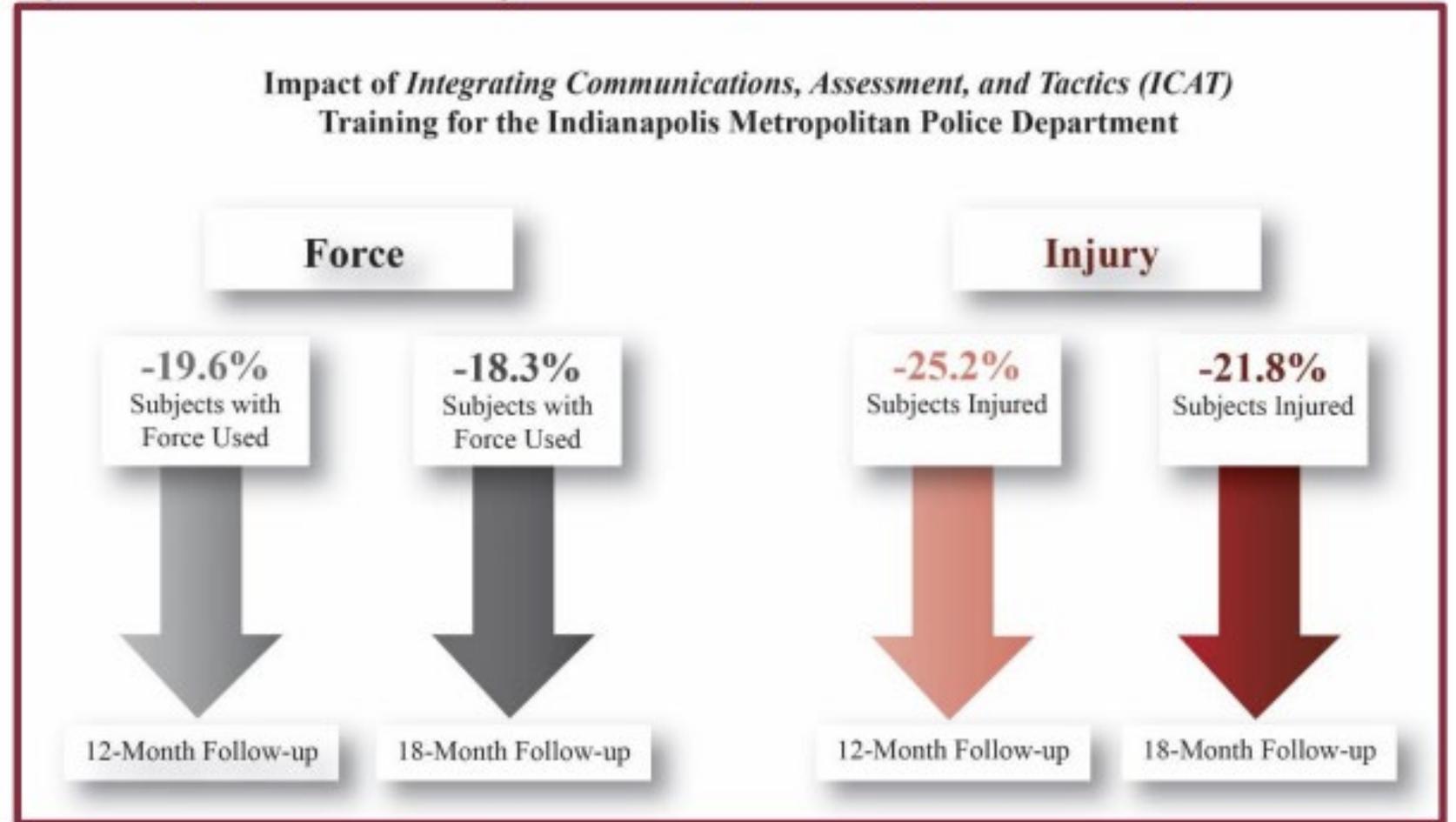
- De-escalation training
- Goal is to enhance safety of officers and subjects by giving officers additional tools, skills and options for defusing a range of critical incidents
 - Focuses on situations involving persons in crisis and those who are unarmed or armed with weapons other than firearms
- One of the few programs with academic studies to **evaluate effectiveness**
 - Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) developed and distributes ICAT training.

ICAT TRAINING EVALUATION

- Evaluation of ICAT at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD)
- Measured impact of ICAT training across three primary outcomes of interest:
 - 1) Use of Force – number of subjects who had force used against them
 - 2) Subjects Injured – number of subjects injured during use of force incidents
 - 3) Officers Injured – number of use of force incidents where any officer was injured

ICAT TRAINING CONT.

Figure 3. Impact of ICAT Training for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department



ICAT training is **NOT** associated with officer injury in both the 12-month or 18-month follow-up periods

ICAT TRAINING CONT.

- ICAT Training Modules
 - Introduction
 - The Critical Decision-Making Model (CDM)
 - Crisis Recognition
 - Tactical Communications
 - Suicide by Cop
 - Medical-Behavioral Emergencies
 - Operational Tactics
 - Step Up and Step In

KEY POINTS FROM SPD IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE POLICY

Equal Service Regardless of Status

SPD provides equal enforcement and service to all individuals, regardless of immigration status. Officers do not ask about immigration status unless it is directly related to a criminal investigation.

No Immigration Enforcement by SPD

Officers will not contact, question, detain, or arrest individuals solely on suspicion of immigration violations. Undocumented presence alone is not a crime.

Reporting Immigration Violations

SPD does not handle immigration complaints. Individuals reporting immigration violations are referred to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). SPD staff will not call DHS on anyone's behalf.

KEY POINTS FROM SPD IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE POLICY

Restrictions Under State Law (Keep Washington Working Act)

SPD cannot:

- Collect immigration or citizenship status information unless relevant to a criminal investigation.
- Share personal information or allow interviews by federal immigration authorities for civil matters, except as required by law or with informed consent.
- Detain individuals solely to determine immigration status or based on civil immigration warrants or holds.

No Immigration Sweeps or Enforcement Participation

SPD does not conduct immigration sweeps and will not participate in federal immigration enforcement activities. Assistance to federal agencies is limited to safety-related support (e.g., traffic control) and requires supervisor approval.

KEY POINTS FROM SPD IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE POLICY

Victims and Witnesses Protected

SPD will not inquire about an individual's immigration status when the individual reports a crime or cooperates in an investigation. All individuals are treated equally regardless of status.

U-Visa and T-Visa Support for Victims

SPD is required to certify U-Visa/T-Visa requests for victims of qualifying crimes or trafficking who assist in investigations. Certifications must be processed within 90 days (or 14 days if the victim is in removal proceedings). SPD cannot withdraw certification unless the victim refuses to cooperate.

ARE THE BUDGETED FTE OFFICERS ENOUGH?



The Spokane Police Department is committed to providing excellence in policing, enhancing the safety and security of individuals, and building partnerships to better the lives of our community members.

- Workload Analysis
- Community Expectations
- Officer Safety
- Funding Capacity
- Evidence-Based Strategies
 - Minimum staffing for strategies implemented
- Expansion and contraction of staffing based on leave status (military, L&I, Parental, etc.)

ESHB 2015 GRANT

- \$100 million statewide grant program, administered by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, to support local and tribal law enforcement agencies in hiring, retaining, and training personnel
- Undergoing certification process to apply for grant
- Potential requests:
 - Co-responder clinicians
 - Embedded clinician in 911 center
 - Professional staff digital forensic analyst
 - Dialogue personnel

THANK YOU

