

# Tacoma Violent Crime Reduction Plan: Year 3 Mid-Year Evaluation

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## Project Background

Drawing from a substantial body of research on the positive impact that hot spots policing can have on reducing violence, this plan includes three components:

1. A near term strategy meant to substantially increase police visibility at addresses where violent crime is concentrated and prioritizing street-level deterrence in these areas.
2. A mid-term strategy focused on violent places within the city using a Problem-Oriented, Place-Based Policing approach.
3. A longer-term strategy that will utilize a Focused Deterrence strategy to help break the cycle of violence among the small number of repeat and high-risk offenders who are responsible for committing most of the violent crime in Tacoma.

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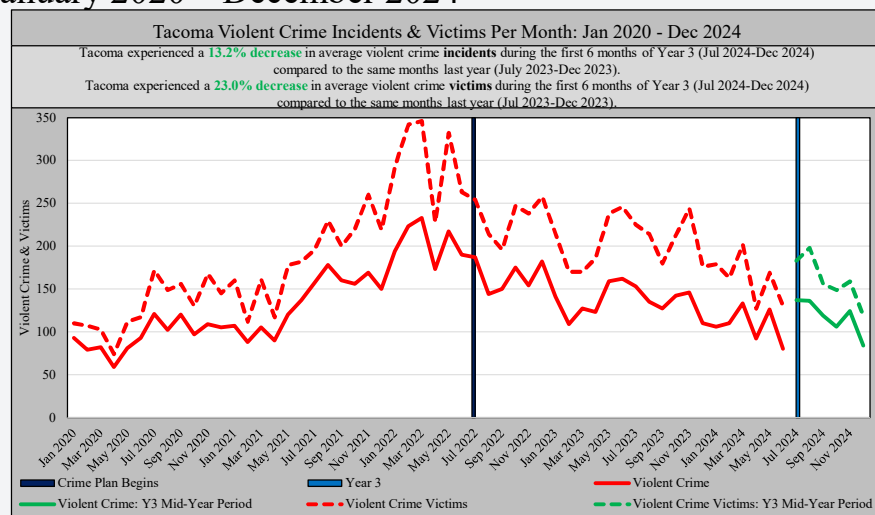
# Mid-Year Analysis Plan

July 2024 through December 2024

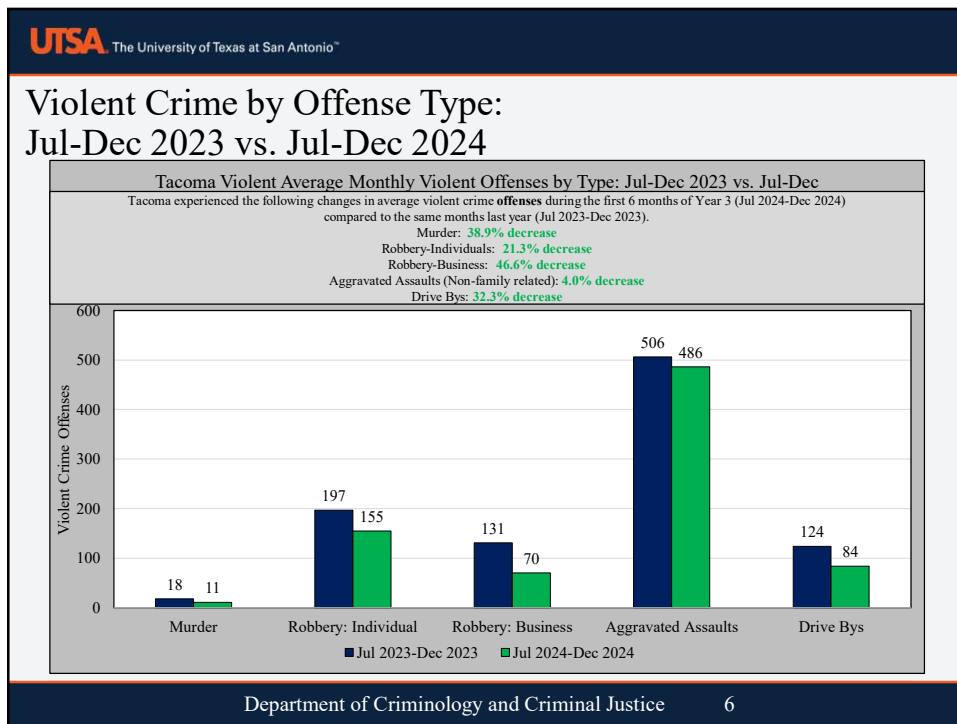
- Monthly violent crime comparison to same period last year for the following:
  - City-wide violent crime/victims
  - Violent crime offense type
  - Violent crime by sector
  - Treatment and catchment grids
  - Arrests
  - Calls for service
- Fidelity across three treatment periods (Periods 12-14).
- POPBP efforts at E 25<sup>th</sup> St
  - Process and effect measures and crime metrics

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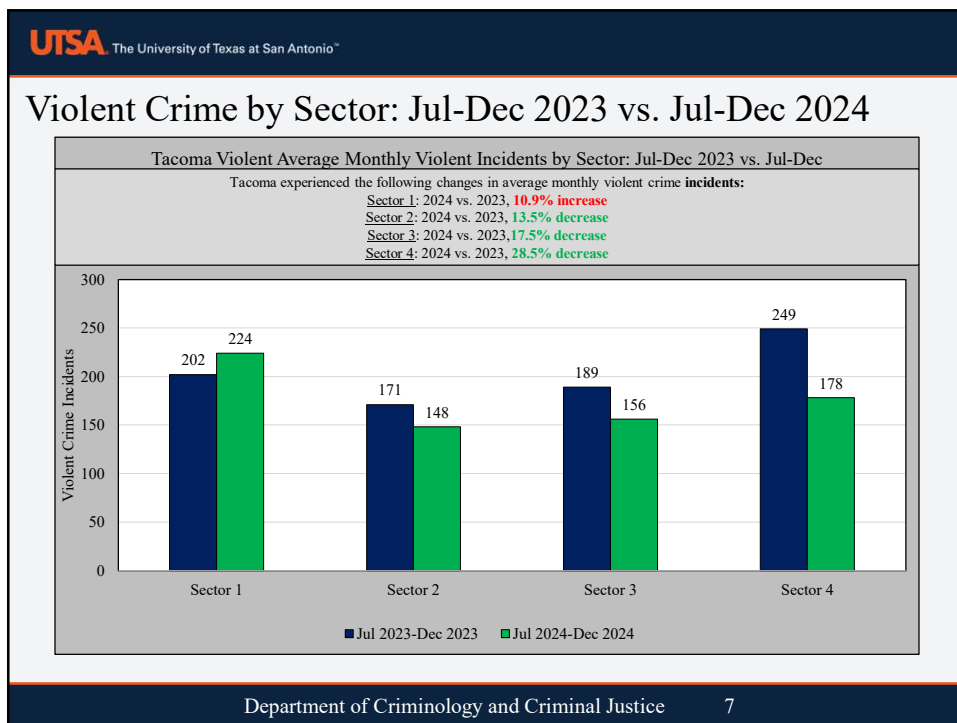
## City-Wide Violent Crime Incidents & Victims: January 2020 – December 2024



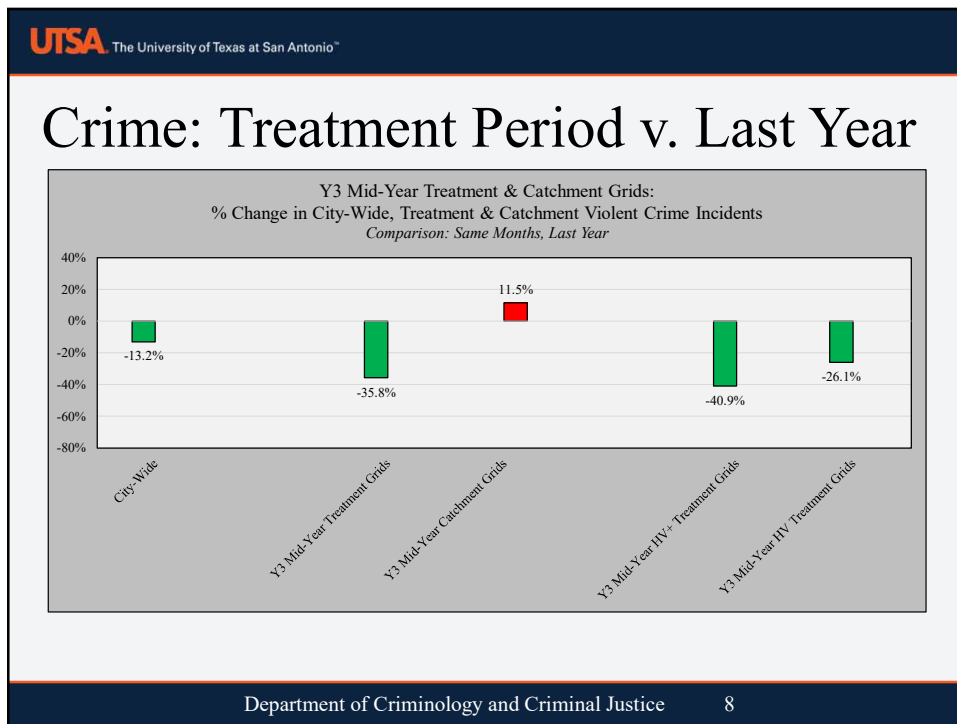
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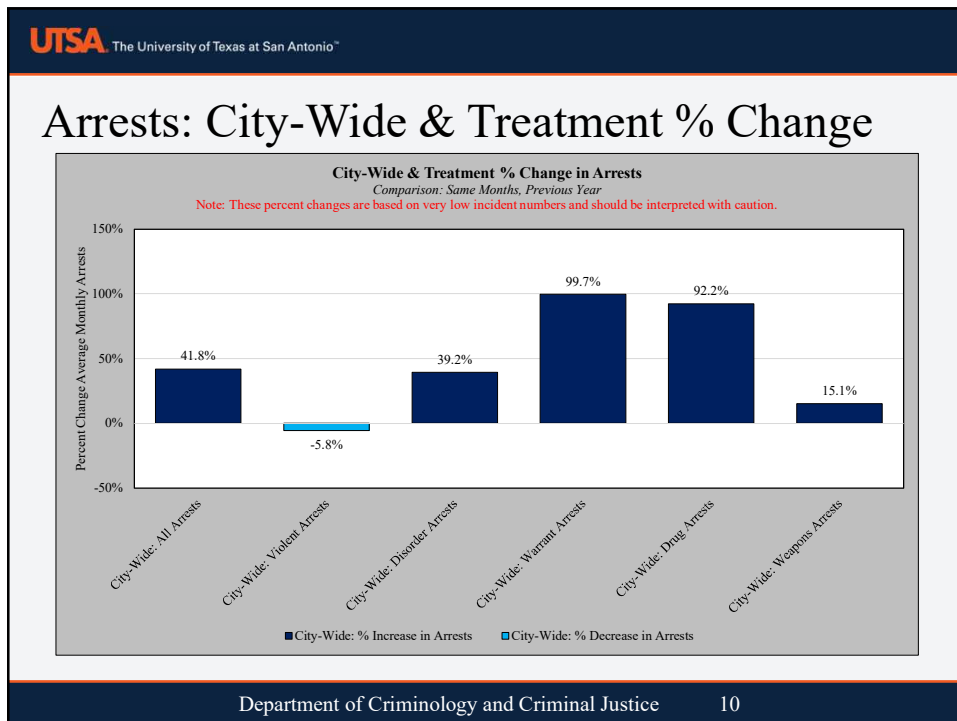
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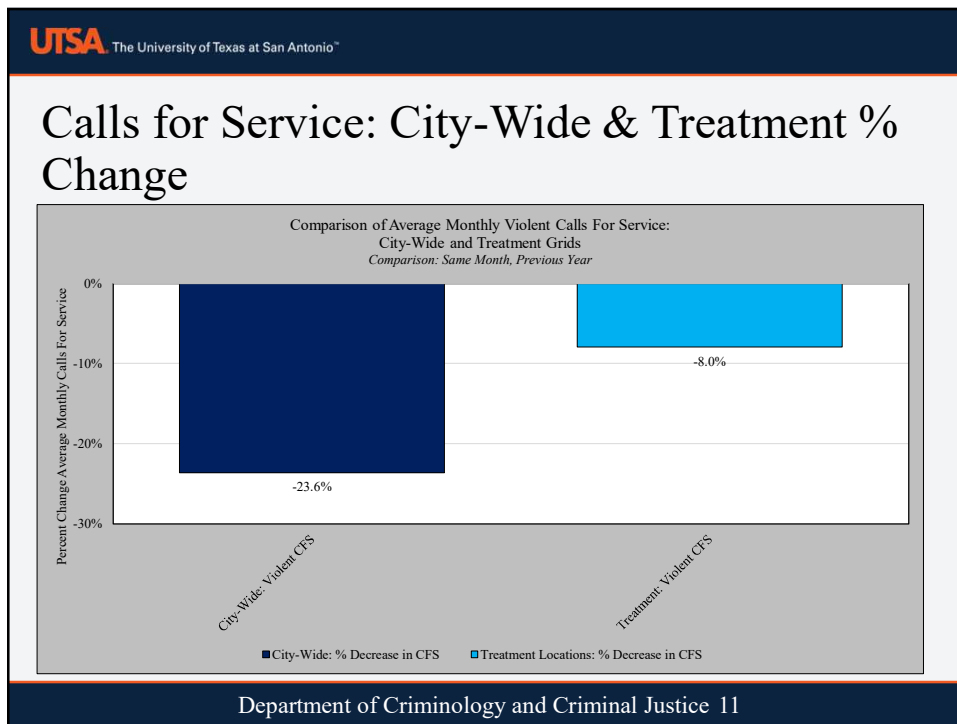
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## Fidelity Results

Treatment Periods	Fidelity Rate
Period 14	93.8%
Period 13	96.0%
Period 12	93.7%
Period Average	94.5%

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## Mid-Term Strategy

- Problem-Oriented, Place-Based Policing (POPBP)
  - POPBP strategies are **carefully tailored to address underlying conditions that contribute to recurring problems** in crime-prone locations and can be **more effective at reducing crime than** merely increasing or intensifying **traditional police activities**.
- Second POPBP Location: **E 25<sup>th</sup> St Corridor**
  - Based on 3-year analysis of violent crime, arrests, and calls for service
- Process and effect measures based on operations plans reported between Jul-Dec 2024
- Crime and CFS comparing metrics between Jul-Dec 2023 vs Jul-Dec 2024

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## Mid-Term Strategy Results

- **Process Measures**
  - Problems related to urban blight (e.g., monitoring of graffiti, overflowing garbage) were addressed and physical improvements (e.g., installed lighting and no parking signs) were made to the site.
  - TPD performed special enforcement missions and other policing activities to address crime problems, particularly, narcotics use, and there was engagement with individuals experiencing homelessness at the site.
- **Effect Measures**
  - Trash was removed, meetings were reported with Tacoma Business Association, and trespass arrests were monitored.
  - CPTEDs have not yet been conducted at the site to address physical improvements.

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## Mid-Term Strategy Results

POPBP Location	Outcome Measure	Monthly Average		Percent Change*
		Last Year (Jul-Dec 2023)	Treatment (Jul-Dec 2024)	
E 25 <sup>th</sup> St. Corridor	Violent Offenses	2.2	2.3	7.70%
	Calls for Service	112.8	164.8	46.10%
	Loitering Calls for Service	8.2	21.2	159.20%
	Narcotics Calls for Service	1.7	2.5	50.00%
	Violent Calls for Service	3.7	4.3	18.20%

\*Percent changes are based on small monthly averages and should be interpreted with caution.

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## Mid-Year Summary

- The City of Tacoma experienced a **13.2% decrease** in violent street crime incidents and **23.0% decrease** in violent crime victims during the last half of 2024 (Jul-Dec 2024) compared to the same months in 2023.
- City-wide, violent crime in treated hot spots also was **down about 36%** in the latter half of 2024 compared to the same months in the previous year, but it was **up by about 12%** in surrounding catchment areas used to assess potential crime displacement.
- Total arrests were **up nearly 42%** city-wide during the last six months of 2024 compared to the same months in 2023, but **arrests for violent crime were down by 6%** during this evaluation period, consistent with the goals of the Crime Plan.
- City-wide, violent CFS **decreased by 23.6%** and **also by 8.0%** in the treated grids compared to the same months in 2023.
- Fidelity to the treatment remained **above 90%** in all three Periods.
- The East 25<sup>th</sup> Street area experienced **increases in all measured public safety categories** when compared to the same time period in 2023.

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