

# SPD's Response to Gun Violence

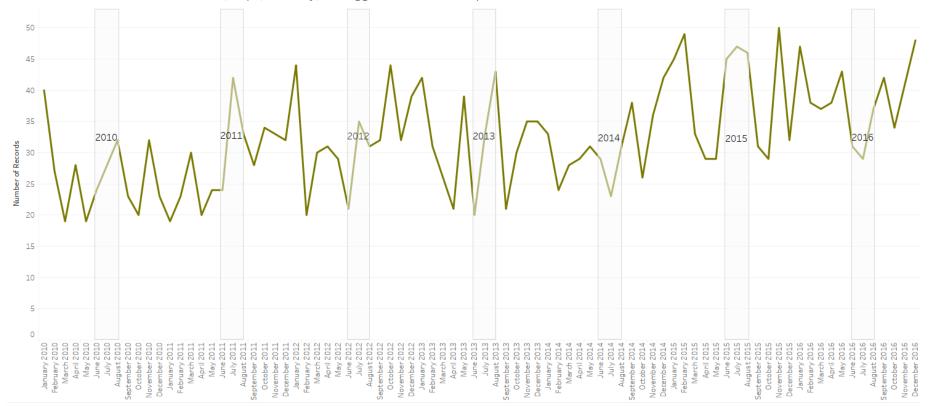




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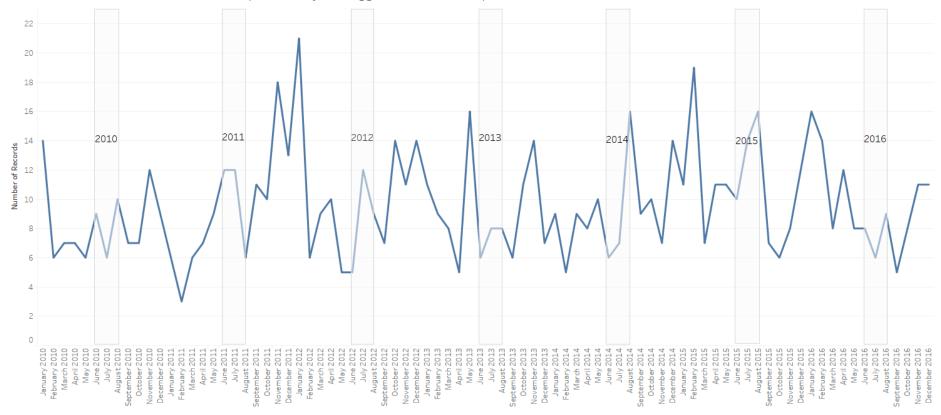
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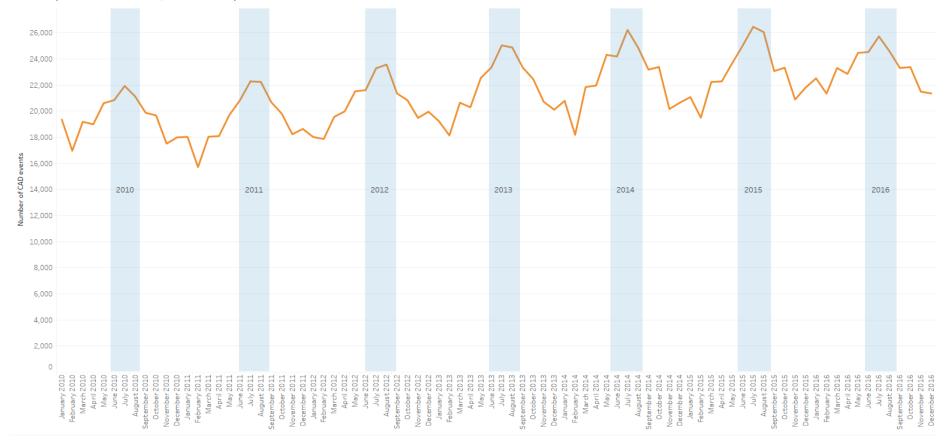
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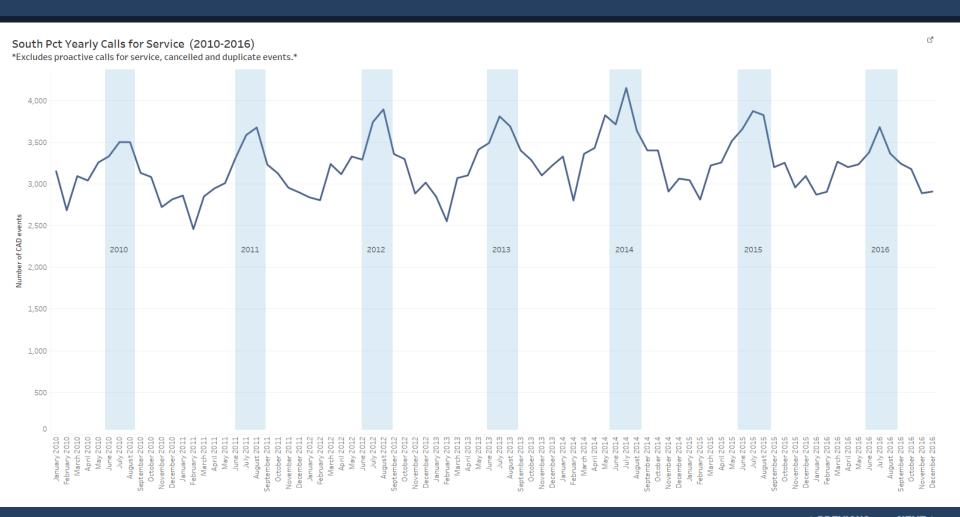
# CITYWIDE CALLS FOR SERVICE SEASONAL TRENDS

#### Citywide Yearly Calls for Service (2010-2016)

\*Excludes proactive calls for service, cancelled and duplicate events.\*

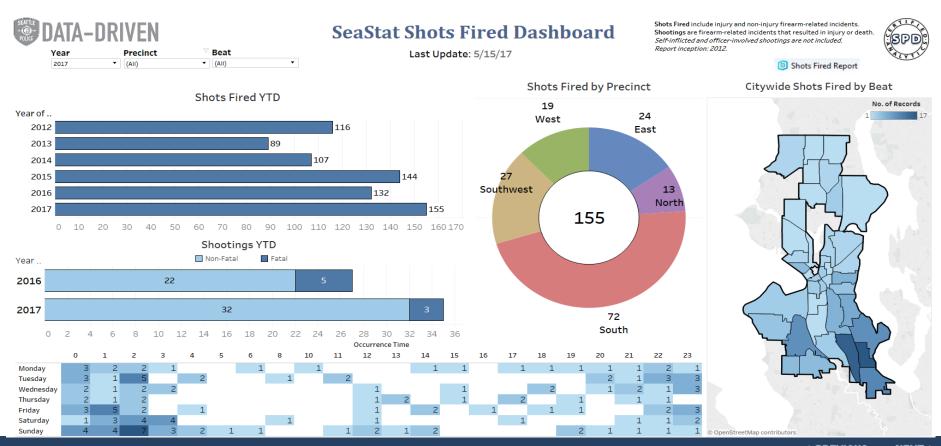


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### **CITYWIDE SHOTS FIRED**

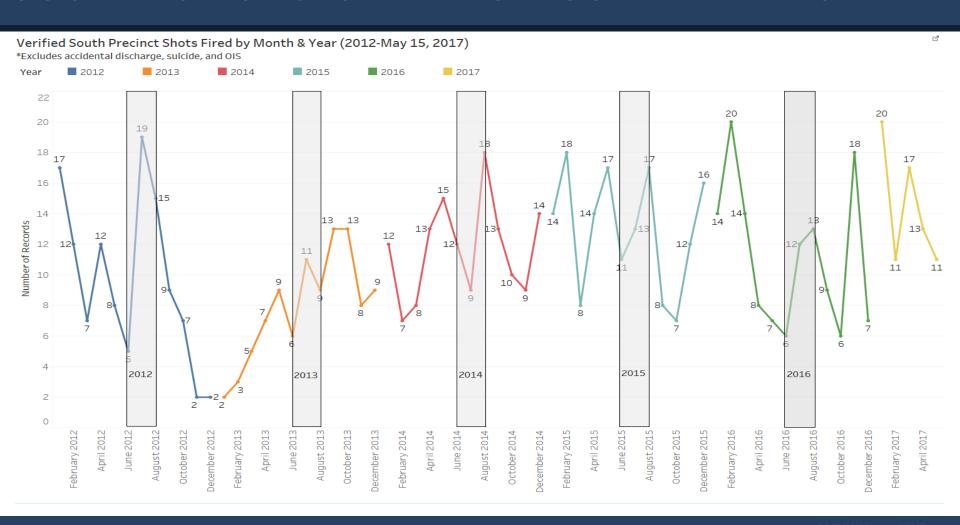
In 6 of the 35 General Offense reports in 2017 that had injuries or death resulting from a Shots Fired Incident, at least 1 victim appears to be unintended and/or an innocent victim.



## CITYWIDE SHOTS FIRED SEASONAL TRENDS



### **SOUTH PCT: SHOTS FIRED SEASONAL TRENDS**



### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Alive and Free Outreach
- Project Safe Neighborhoods
- All chiefs and precinct captains out in the field visiting affected locations and speaking with community members
- Engaging with United Black Christian Clergy, Seattle LINC, and other community leaders to discuss community-based interventions.
- Deploying Mounted Unit to key South Precinct areas for visibility and engagement
- Directing Crime Prevention Teams (sworn and civilian) to conduct outreach
- Pushing out messaging via traditional and digital media to keep information accurate and clear







# 2006 STUDY ON GUN OFFENDER STRATEGIES

### **Goals of Chronic Violent Gun Offender Strategies**

Certainly, the ultimate goal of chronic violent gun offender strategies is to reduce gun crime in the jurisdiction

#### These include:

- <u>Increasing awareness of the identities of high rate gun offenders</u> throughout the criminal justice system.
- Coordinating information sharing and enforcement activities within and across agencies.
- Enhancing officer safety through notification systems enacted as these individuals are encountered on the street.
- <u>Creating a more efficient system</u> through better focusing of resources upon a smaller number of offenders.
- Enhancing deterrence through enforcement and prosecution of chronic offenders involved in gun crime.

Source: <a href="https://www.bja.gov/Publications/Chronic Violent Offenders.pdf">https://www.bja.gov/Publications/Chronic Violent Offenders.pdf</a> (page 3)

### SPD EFFORTS AT MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION

- Shootings and Homicides are a regional issue criminals do not care about jurisdictional boundaries
- SPD hosts regular discussions on regional violence and attempts to coordinate with other agencies
  - > Overall goal is to place shooting incidents in context and prevent future violence
  - ➤ Working with ATF, FBI, WSFC, WSP, KCSO, Kent PD, Renton PD, Tukwila PD, Auburn PD, Federal Way PD, Des Moines PD, Bothell PD, DOC, and prosecutors
- Ongoing collaboration with KCPO's office to track regional shots fired cases
- Comprehensive Gang Model, Alive and Free, Project Safe Neighborhood
- Use of ATF's National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) to better understand connections between (seemingly-unrelated) cases
  - Many NIBIN series cross multiple jurisdictions

### **USING EXISTING RESOURES TO INTERVENE**

### **External Resources:**

- Integrated SPD, ATF, FBI, WSP, KCSO, and South County Departments
- SPD SWAT collaborating with regional and FBI SWAT teams
- Working with KCPO and USAO to address existing cases and add charges when individuals are apprehended
- Working with WADOC to apply pressure to high-risk violent offenders in the area
- Collaborating with ATF for shell and firearm tracing

### **Internal Resources:**

- Anti-Crime Team
- Emphasis Overtime
- SWAT Teams (proactivity)
- Traffic (visibility)
- RTCC
- SeaStat
- Gangs, Narcotics, Intel, and Homicide

















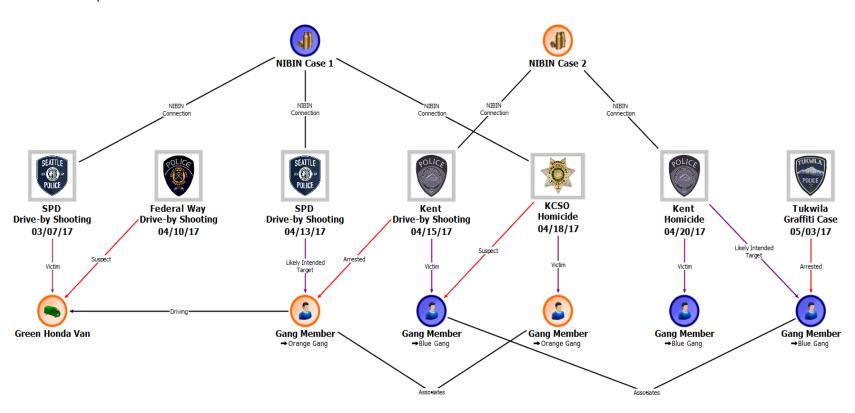




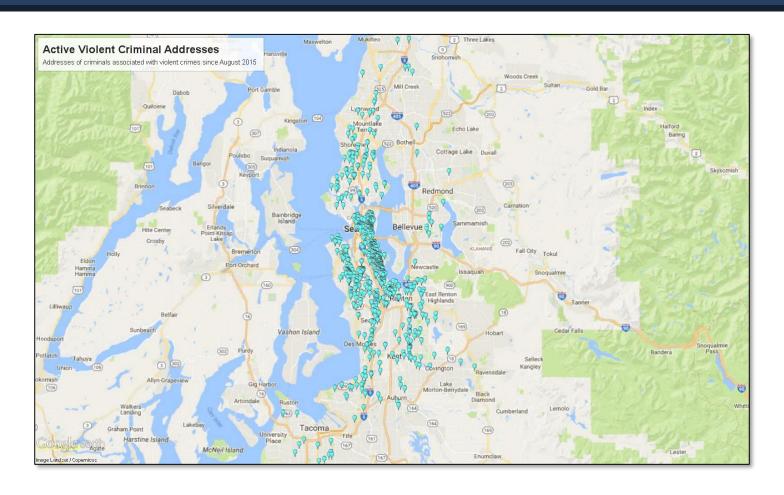


## **EXAMPLE OF NEED FOR INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

This is a fictional depiction of connected cases



# CRIME IS REGIONAL, NOT LOCAL



# **ONGOING CHALLENGES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Victim Cooperation:**

- Many victims refuse to speak with law enforcement ("code of silence / no snitching")
- Of the 35 people shot in Seattle in 2017, 6 appear to be true innocent/unintended victims

### **Understanding Motivations:**

- Crimes often occur as a result of personal conflicts (may involve gang members, but not actually gang-motivated)
- Today's victim can be tomorrow's suspect criminals will often wait years to seek retaliation

### **Technology:**

- SPD's record management system makes understanding criminals' histories and associations difficult and time-consuming
- The new RMS will greatly improve accuracy and speed of analysis

### **Staffing:**

 Analysis of regional violent crime issues is very time-consuming and limited resources often require SPD personnel to wear many hats