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**DETROIT** – Today, United States Attorney Dawn N. Ison, along with Detroit Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Kym Worthy and Detroit Police Chief James E. White reported on the ongoing violence reduction work being done by the One Detroit Violence Reduction Partnership and announced the results of that work as of Labor Day. One Detroit is a coalition of community and law enforcement partners working together to develop and execute the best strategies to reduce violent crime.

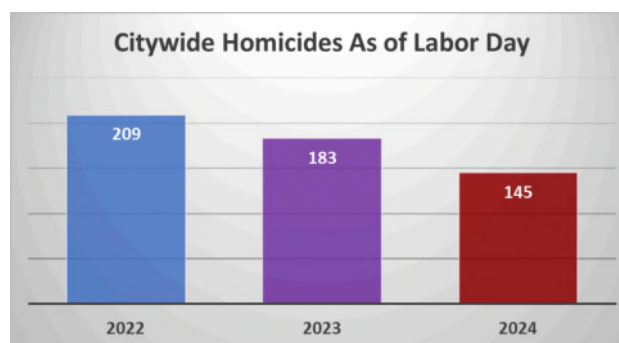
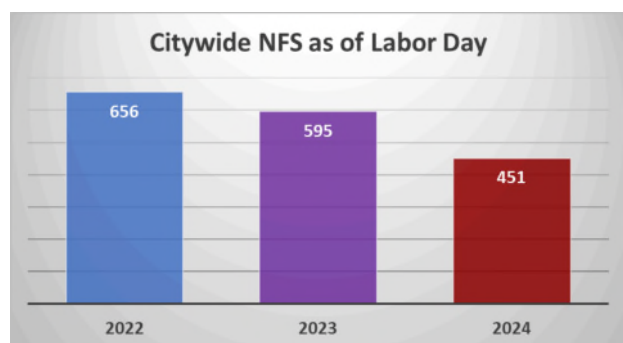
Joining in the announcement were the One Detroit Executive Team, which includes Alvin Stokes, President, Citywide Citizens Police Community Relations, Special Agent in Charge Cheyvorvea Gibson, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division, Bishop Edgar Vann, II, Second Ebenezer Church, Special Agent in Charge James Deir, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Kenyatta Stephens, CEO Black Family Development, Special Agent in Charge Orville Greene, Drug Enforcement Administration, Detroit Division, Beverly Smith, Assistant

Deputy Director, Operations Office, Michigan Department of Corrections, Bishop Daryl Harris, from Ceasefire Detroit, and Dr. Chris Melde from Michigan State University.

## Results

The One Detroit Violence Reduction Partnership continues to work year-round to lower the amount of violence in the city. This work is organized into three pillars: prevention, enforcement, and reentry.

As a result of the work done throughout the city, in 2023, Detroit finished the year with the lowest number of homicides since 1957. This year, as of Labor Day, the city of Detroit has had 20% fewer homicides than last year at this time. The reduction in non-fatal shootings is even more dramatic – an almost 25% drop in non-fatal shootings. In terms of lives impacted, this means that there have been 182 fewer victims of violence in Detroit than there were at this time a year ago.



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it partners again worked together to address violence during the summer months, focusing particularly on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> precincts and the city's parks. The initiative began on Memorial Day and ended on Labor Day. One part of the effort was an enforcement strategy designed to prosecute the most violent individuals in federal court when that was possible. This effort resulted in 23 cases being accepted for prosecution in federal court. All of those cases involved the illegal possession of firearms. During the investigations of these offenses, 26 guns were seized. ATF has now analyzed those guns and determined that 14 of them were crime guns linked through ballistics to 42 other crimes including non-fatal shootings and a homicide.

The One Detroit partnership also engaged in preventing crime in the targeted areas through Peacenics, a collective gathering of the community and law enforcement where we shared in food, fellowship, and fun in the name of peace. The events featured 70 vendors offering a variety of resources, including job training, literacy programs, mental health and medical screenings, utility assistance, educational and vocational opportunities, tutorial, and career development. The Peacenics allowed residents to have fun, engage with law enforcement, and obtain resources to improve the quality of their lives. Thousands of Detroit residents attended the two Peacenics held in O'Hair Park and at Heilmann Recreation Center.

Finally, the One Detroit partnership also focused on reentry as a way of preventing recidivism by empowering returning citizens to become stable, contributing members of the Detroit community. So far, more than 170 returning citizens participated in community roundtables intended to provide motivation and insight about taking advantage of second chances after a criminal conviction. At the events, family members of probationers were also invited to participate in breakout sessions to discuss barriers to stability. One Detroit partners also assisted with employment needs and helped connect attendees with resources.

United States Attorney Dawn N. Ison stated, “Make no mistake, violent crime is down. It is down dramatically. This is great news and shows that we are moving in the right direction. But please don’t mistake this for a celebration. The amount of violence in this city is still unacceptable. And we will not stop this work until we can make every neighborhood in Detroit safe from violence.”

Deputy Mayor Bettison stated, “The One Detroit Partnership continues to be effective at bringing all stakeholders to the table. U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison has led this effort at bringing federal, state, local, community, and religious organizations to address violent crime on the east and west side of Detroit. After three years of this partnership, we continue to see violent crime decrease year after year. Violent crime in the City of Detroit is at historic lows, and the numbers haven’t been this low since the 1960’s.”

“I want to thank U.S. Attorney Dawn N. Ison and our One Detroit partners for their work to make Detroit safer this summer,” said Chief James E. White. “We continue to see results from addressing violence with multiple layers of strategy and community partnership, and look forward to future work together to improve on our success.”

“There will always be people who will criticize efforts to reduce crime in Detroit,” said Prosecutor Kym Worthy. “We must be undeterred as we continue to drive down gun crime and other violent crimes. We will continue to work as partners with our local, state and federal agencies to protect our communities. We must also ensure that community prevention programs are continued and supported. This is an equally important part of what we are doing.”

The One Detroit Partnership will be holding Community Huddles to report these results to the residents in the 8th and 9th Precincts in the upcoming weeks. The dates of the Community Huddles are:

- 8th Precinct, September 30th, at 6:30 P.M.
- 9th Precinct, September 25th, at 6:00 P.M.

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