



# City of Portland's Gun Violence Reduction Strategy

## 2024 LPSCC Presentation

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To Start:

We want to acknowledge that the pain of gun violence has lasting impacts, perpetuating a cycle of poverty and trauma, specifically in the Black community.



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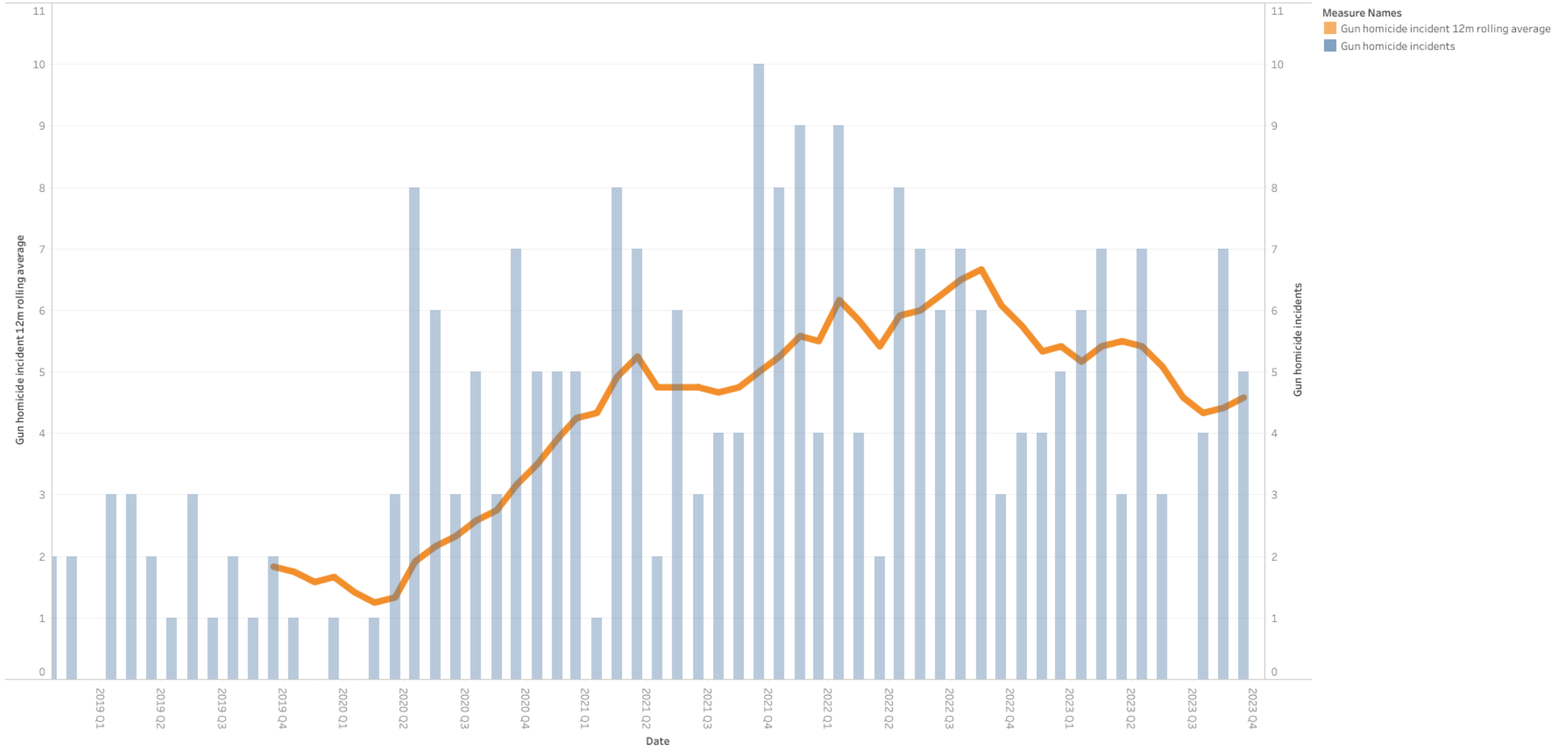
# Agenda

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- **Introduction**
- **Intervention:** Portland Ceasefire
- **Prevention:** Office of Violence Prevention
- **Enforcement:** Portland Police Bureau
- **Results and next steps**



Portland gun homicide rates (2019-2023)





# What is the Gun Violence Emergency Declaration?

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- Est. July 2022 by Mayor Ted Wheeler
- **GOAL:** Reduce gun violence by at least 10% over the next two years
- **RESULTS: 2022 to 2023**
  - 21% decrease in gun homicides
  - 22% decrease in total shooting incidents

# Partnerships



# The Strategy



# Portland Ceasefire

- **Shooting review:** Analyze shootings, discuss hotspots or ongoing conflicts
  - Identify individuals most at risk of being victims or perpetrators
- **Intervention:** Custom notification or referral process via Office of Violence Prevention



# Portland Ceasefire: Focused Deterrence Strategy



## **Custom notification:**

- Direct, respectful message
- Refer to Intensive Case Manager Program

## **Focused Enforcement: last resort**

# Office of Violence Prevention

## Street Level Outreach (SLO) workers

- Monitor data-driven hot spots
- Attend after-school events/activities
- **Goal:** Reduce violence, decrease recidivism, find stable housing, etc.

## Intensive Case Management (ICM)

- Highest risk individual placed on **Intensive Case Management** load via service provider
- Life coaching: job placement, education placement, mental health services, etc.
- **Goal:** At a sustained level -- reduce likelihood of being a victim again or a perpetrator



# Office of Violence Prevention

- Community Based-Organizations
  - Gun Violence Reduction grantees span culturally-specific communities, including African, Latinx and immigrant
- Safe Blocks
  - Deployed based on data-driven hot spot mapping
  - Based on community engagement
  - Public safety forums, canvassing, place-making projects, etc.
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments
  - Goal is to improve perceptions of safety and decrease violence

# Portland Ceasefire: PPB's role

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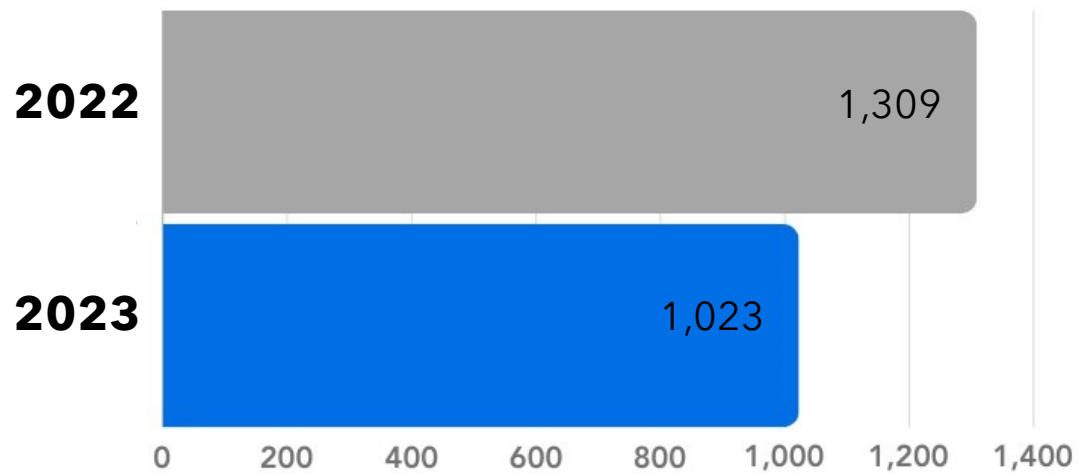
- **Enhanced Community Safety Team (ECST)**
  - Collaborates with Multnomah Co. DA, US Attorney's Office, Multnomah Co. Parole and Probation, etc.
  - Shooting trends overall
- **Focused Intervention Team (FIT)**
  - Build relationships
  - Proactively deter violence
- **Crisis Response Team**
  - Provide support to victims of traumatic events



# Results

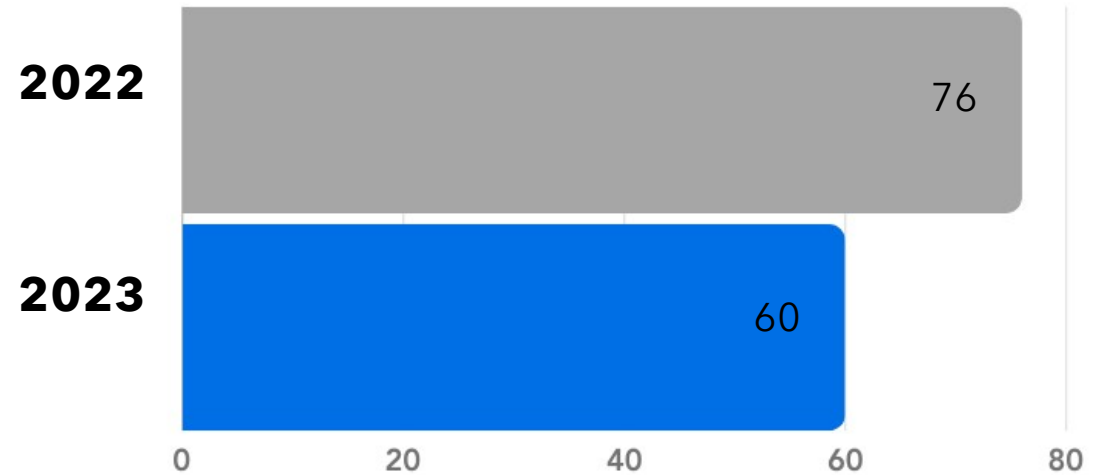
## ALL SHOOTING INCIDENTS: 22% year over year decline

2022: 1,309  
2023: 1,023



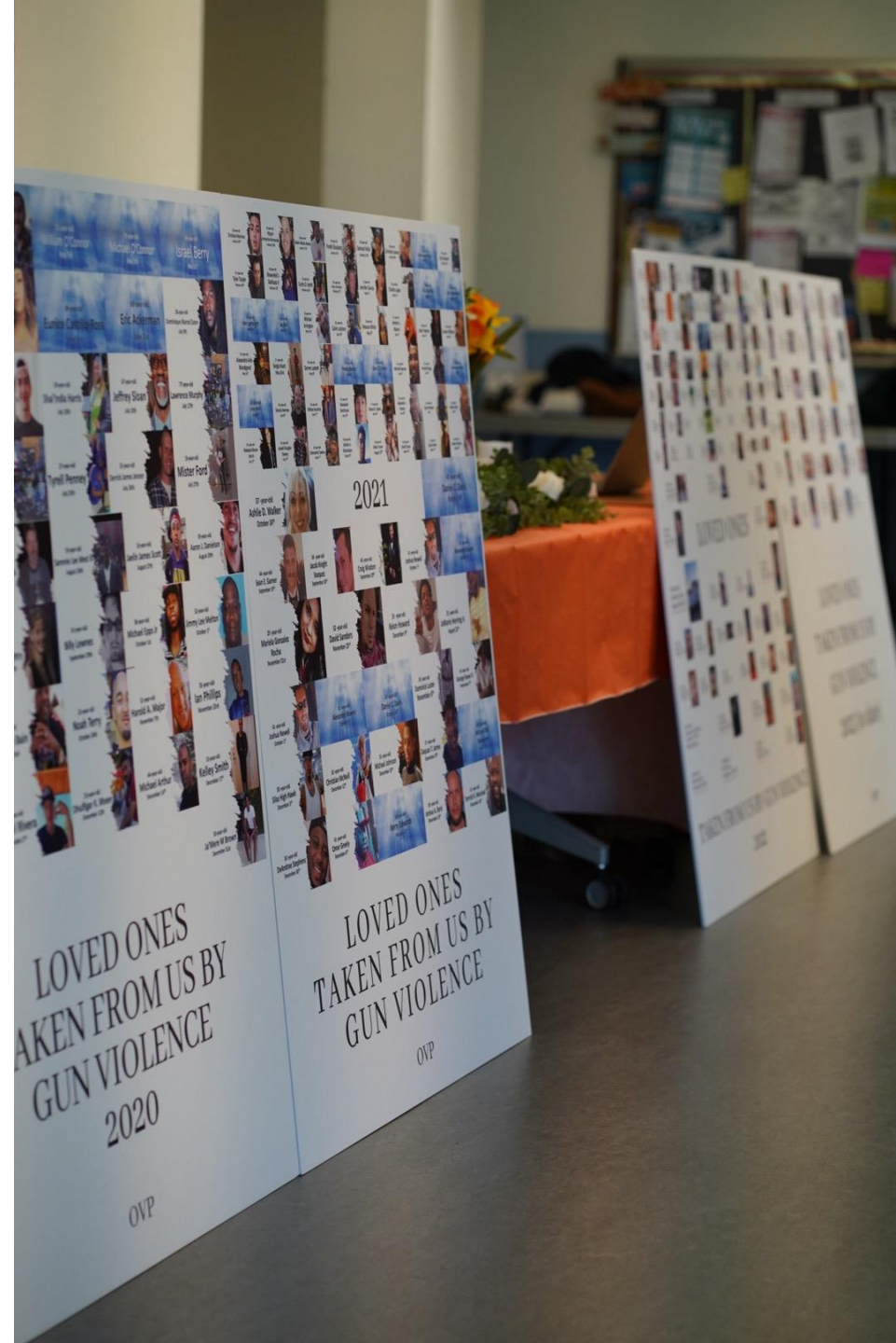
## GUN HOMICIDES: 21% year over year decline

2022: 76  
2023: 60



# What's next?

Coordination and collaboration with our partners has been at the heart of our success, but the upcoming fiscal cliff could jeopardize the good work we have achieved so far.





Questions?

