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## Homicides at lowest level in 50 years; partnerships & new strategies credited for drop in violent crime

- Nearly every category of crime has seen major reductions since new initiatives were implemented in 2016
- Homicides down 9%, non-fatal shootings down 19%, carjackings down 41% over past two years
- Successful multi-agency Ceasefire program to expand to all precincts by end of 2018

**DETROIT** – Nearly every category of major crime in Detroit has seen significant and sustained reductions over the past two years since the city and its law enforcement partners implemented several new crime reduction strategies, officials announced today.

Since 2016, when the city launched programs like Project Green Light, Ceasfire Detroit and its Real Time Crime Center:

- Total violent crimes are down 12%
- Total property offenses, including car theft and burglary are down 13%
- Homicides down 9%
- Non-fatal shootings down 19%
- Carjackings down 41%

Numbers also show that the City of Detroit ended last year with 267 criminal homicides, the lowest number in 51 years. The last time Detroit saw fewer homicides was 1966, when it recorded 214. The city in 2017 also registered double-digit reductions in non-fatal shootings, robberies (including carjackings), officials also announced today.

The numbers were released today at a press event with Mayor Mike Duggan, Chief James Craig, Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Interim US Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Dan Lemisch, Sheriff Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and other local, state and federal law enforcement partners, who gave credit for the reductions to front line officers.

“The steady progress we are making to reduce violent crime in our city is a result of the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Detroit Police Department and all of our partner agencies,” said Mayor Duggan. “This work begins and ends with each of them.”

The Mayor and Chief credit the sustained reductions in violent crime to four key strategies:

- **Hiring more officers:** Over the last 2 years, the Detroit Police Department has hired more than 500 new officers and moved more than 100 from desk jobs to the street. After attrition, we have nearly 250 more police officers on the street today than we had 2 years ago and we have another 139 officers in training in the police academy right now.
- **Better technology:** DPD has significantly improved its real-time crime intelligence gathering and sharing among law enforcement partners to give officers the tools they need to do their jobs. Late last year, DPD opened its new Real Time Crime Center, which is its new hub for all crime intel.
- **Ceasefire Detroit initiative:** This multi-agency effort has been designed specifically to address gang-related gun crime and over the past two years has been implemented in about half of DPD precincts. Ceasefire was launched first in August 2015 in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> precincts and expanded to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> precincts in June 2016.
- **Project Green Light:** This revolutionary approach to community safety has grown dramatically since it was launched two years ago to include 231 gas stations, restaurants, party stores, residential buildings and more.

### Ceasefire Detroit

The central strategy in reducing the city's fatal and non-fatal shootings has been Ceasefire Detroit, a comprehensive strategy to stop gun violence perpetrated by gangs, groups and street crews with coordinated enforcement, prevention, intervention and re-entry efforts. Key strategies of this focused deterrence model include vertical prosecution with the state and federal prosecutors and wrap-around services to provide housing, transportation, job training and placement.

The program also involves "call in" meetings where program partners from DPD, the Mayor's Office, Wayne County Prosecutor and US Attorney's Office sit down face to face with known gang members to secure commitments to resolve their issues without guns and to inform them of the coordinated law enforcement that will result in breaking that commitment. The program also offers gang members support in the form of job training and placement, transportation and housing if they choose to leave gang activity.

In 2016-17, the Detroit office of the DOJ secured 118 federal indictments against members of several major gang operating in the city, including the 7 Mile Bloods (22), Playboy Crips (14), Smokecamp/OPB (14), 6 Mile Chedda Gang (13), Rollin' 60's Crips (13), Bandgang (8), A1 Killers, Hustle Boys, Latin Counts and more.

Ceasefire Detroit was implemented in its current form in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> precincts June 2015. That year, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> precincts saw the largest reductions in shootings across the city. In June 2016, Ceasefire expanded to the west side in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Precincts. In 2017 - their first full year with Ceasefire in place - the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Precincts saw the most of the largest drops in homicides and non-fatal shootings in the city:

**6<sup>th</sup> Precinct:**  
 2016 NFS: 100  
 2017 NFS: 75  
 Change: -25%

**8<sup>th</sup> Precinct**  
 2016 NFS: 125  
 2017 NFS: 88  
 Change: -30%

**12<sup>th</sup> Precinct**  
 2016 NFS: 110  
 2017 NFS: 77  
 Change: -30%

2016 Homicides: 28  
 2017 Homicides: 18  
 Change: -36%

2016 Homicides: 46  
 2017 Homicides: 29  
 Change: -37%

2016 Homicides: 32  
 2017 Homicides: 31  
 Change: -3%

"If you look at how other major cities have been able to deliver sustained reductions in violent crime, it has been a process of identifying the right strategies and building on them year by year," said Chief Craig. "It also involves having the right partners and we have been fortunate to have great partners at the local, state and federal level working on this."

#### **Carjackings down 43% in 2 years since launch of Project Green Light**

Another key strategy that has delivered sustained results has been Project Green Light, which has businesses across the city equipped with high definition cameras that are monitored continuously at DPD's Real Time Crime Center.

Originally launched in January 2016 at 8 gas stations to address the issue of carjackings, the program has expanded to 231 businesses, including restaurants, party stores and more. Since that time, carjackings in Detroit have been cut nearly in half, going down 43% in two years. In 2015 there were 532 carjackings in the city. That number went down to 381 in 2016 and to 303 in 2017.

#### **Next Steps**

The Chief and Mayor said that they will continue the strategies they have implemented over the past few years, including expanding Ceasefire and Green Light, as well as continuing to hire more officers. By the end of 2018:

- All precincts across the city will have adopted Ceasefire Detroit. Chief Craig announced that this week the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> precincts have begun to implement Ceasefire.
- DPD will have approximately 400 Green Light partner businesses and is working with groups of business owners to develop the city's first Green Light Corridor, where all businesses will become participants in the program.
- DPD will have hired another 200 police officers, continuing its trend of adding additional new officers to the force on a regular basis.

# Detroit Crime Reduction Law Enforcement Partners

- **US Department of Justice**
  - **Represented by:** *Acting US Atty for the Eastern District of Michigan, Dan Lemisch*
  - **Role:** Primary partner in Ceasefire Detroit. Prosecutes cases federally, with a special focus on gun crimes and gang indictments. In 2016-17, the US Attorney's office secured 118 federal indictments against members of several major gang operating in the city, including the 7 Mile Bloods (22), Playboy Crips (14), Smokecamp/OPB (14), 6 Mile Chedda Gang (13), Rollin' 60's Crips (13), Bandgang (8), YNS (6), A1 Killers, Hustle Boys, Latin Counts and more. Additionally in 2017, 44 gun cases were adopted for federal prosecution.
  
- **Wayne County Prosecutor**
  - **Represented by:** *Chief of Special Operations James Gonzales*
  - **Role:** Primary partner in Ceasefire Detroit. Prosecutes state cases, supports one-man grand jury and investigative subpoenas.
  
- **Wayne County Sheriff**
  - **Represented by:** Sheriff Benny Napoleon
  - **Role:** The Sheriff's Office has been instrumental in helping to reduce violence related to the drug trade through its drug enforcement effort, sting operations and by arresting wanted felony fugitives with violent offenses.
  
- **FBI**
  - **Represented by:** ASAC for Violent Crime Maureen Reddy
  - **Role:** Completes long-term investigations of violent individuals and groups, which cover a wide spectrum of offenses that includes counterterrorism, narcotics and conspiracy cases.
  
- **DEA**
  - **Represented by:** SAC Tim Plancon
  - **Role:** Completes long-term investigations focused on narcotics and prescription drug cases, and connections of drugs to gang activity.

- **ATF**
  - **Represented by:** SAC Paul Vanderplow
  - **Role:** Completes long-term investigations of violent group and provides information about weapons recovered and/or involved in crimes.
  
- **US Marshal Service**
  - **Represented by:** Deputy Marshall Joe Abdullah
  - **Role:** Apprehends individuals that have been indicted
  
- **US Homeland Security**
  - **Represented by:** SAC Steve Francis
  - **Role:** Completes long-term investigations into gangs and groups (like other partners) but with a greater focus on immigration aspects of cases.
  
- **Michigan State Police**
  - **Represented by:** Inspector Phil Menna
  - **Role:** Supports the work of the Homicide Task Force by providing additional investigators, an intelligence analyst and patrol support. Also, provides access to facial recognition software and Crime Lab evidence processing.
  
- **Michigan Department of Corrections**
  - **Represented by:** Deputy Director Russ Marlan
  - **Role:** Primary partner in Ceasefire Detroit with embedded agents in targeted DPD precincts who complete home compliance checks. Also, coordinates enforcement and intelligence on individuals under supervision. Critical partner for securing amended probation and parole orders to compel participants to attend Ceasefire Call-ins. In 2017, there were 867 home compliance checks and 112 Call-in participants.
  
- **Wayne State University Police**
  - **Represented by:** Chief Tony Holt
  - **Role:** Provides area intelligence, patrol support and additional investigators who participate in the Homicide Task Force.
  
- **Detroit Public Schools Police Department**
  - **Represented by:**
  - **Role:** Coordinates on information sharing and school-based incidents



## 2017 Part 1 Crimes

VIOLENT OFFENSES OFFENSE TYPE	YTD COMPS				% Change vs. 2016
	2015	2016	2017	% Change vs. 2015	
HOMICIDE*	295	305	267	-9%	-12%
RAPE	537	593	587	9%	-1%
ROBBERY	3,648	3,080	2,596	-29%	-16%
CARJACKING*	516	381	303	-41%	-20%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9,227	8,958	8,588	-7%	-4%
NON-FATAL SHOOTING*	1,034	957	842	-19%	-12%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT OFFENSES</b>	<b>13,707</b>	<b>12,936</b>	<b>12,038</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>-7%</b>

PROPERTY OFFENSES OFFENSE TYPE	YTD COMPS				% Change vs. 2016
	2015	2016	2017	% Change vs. 2015	
BURGLARY	9,420	8,717	8,359	-11%	-4%
LARCENY	16,465	15,065	13,434	-18%	-11%
STOLEN VEHICLE	8,165	8,639	7,809	-4%	-10%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY OFFENSES</b>	<b>34,050</b>	<b>32,421</b>	<b>29,602</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART I OFFENSES</b>	<b>47,757</b>	<b>45,357</b>	<b>41,640</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-8%</b>

\*Victim based data.

All data is preliminary information and subject to change.



## Detroit reduced the number of Part 1 Crimes by 3,717 compared to 2016.

Part 1 Crimes from 2015 to 2017

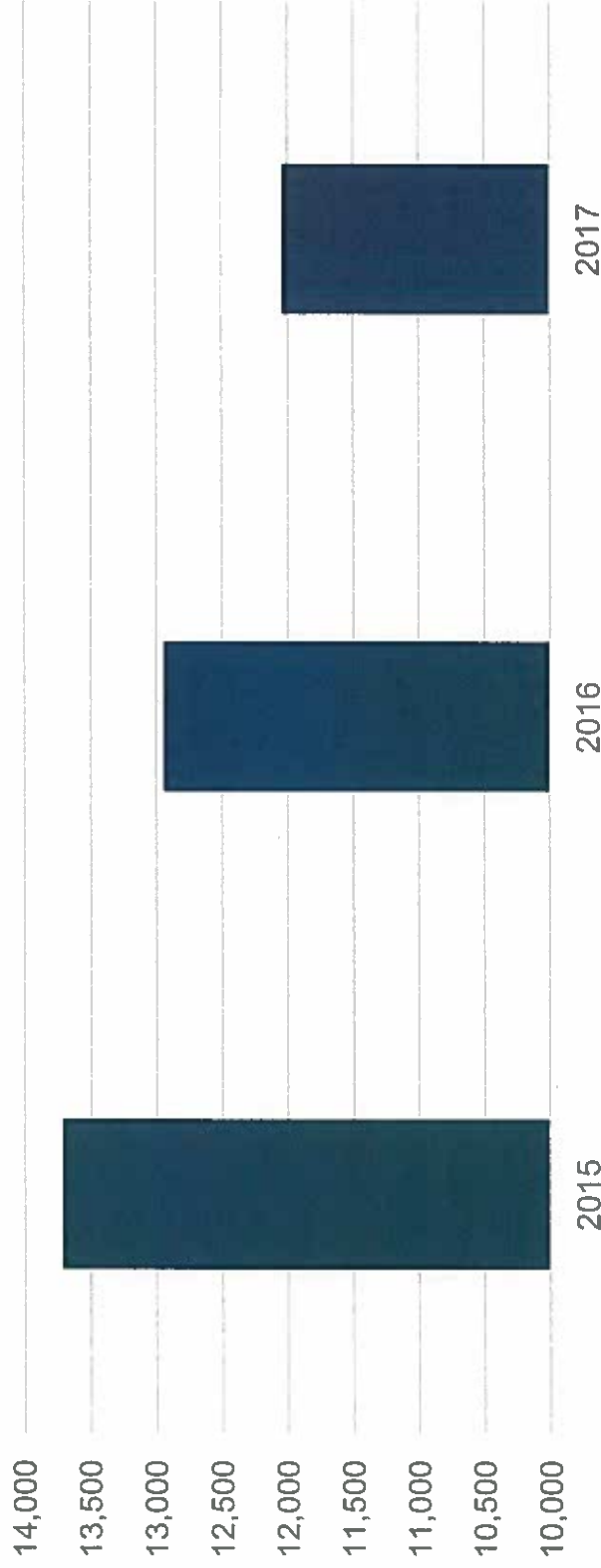


Total Part 1 Crimes	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Incident	47,757	45,357	41,640	-13%	-8%



## Detroit reduced the number of Part 1 Violent Crimes by 898 compared to 2016.

Part 1 Violent Crimes from 2015 to 2017



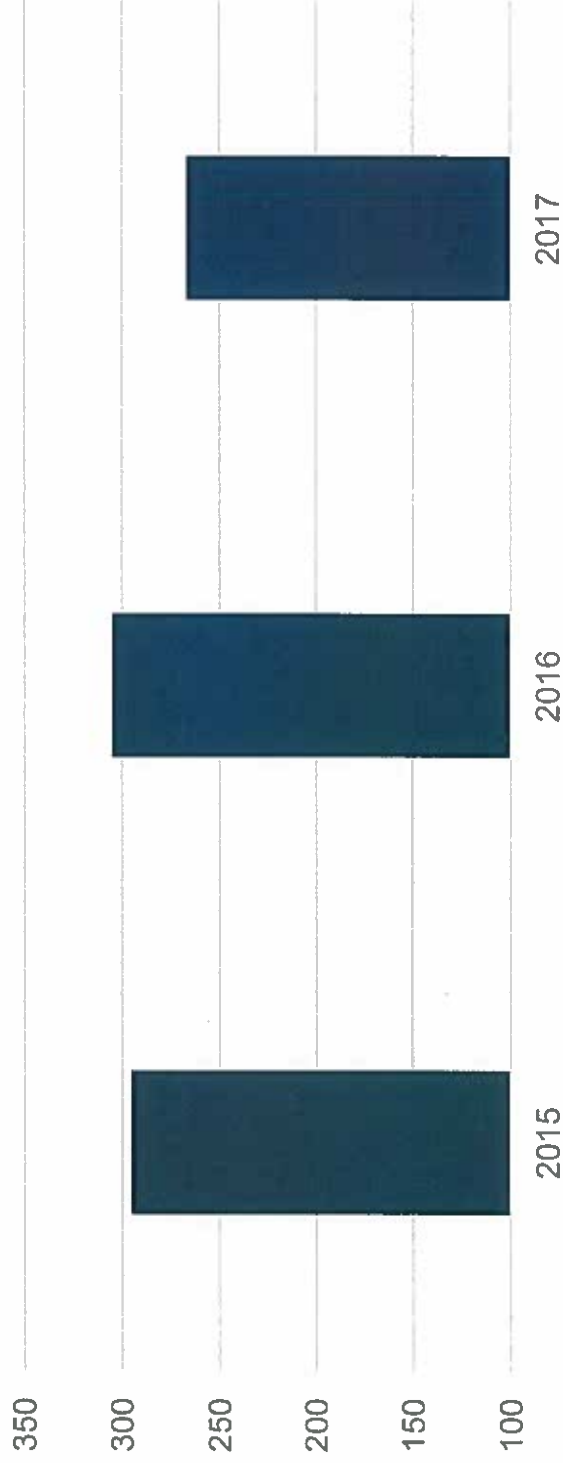
Part 1 Violent Crimes	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
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## Detroit reduced the number of homicides by 38 victims compared to 2016.

Homicides from 2015 to 2017

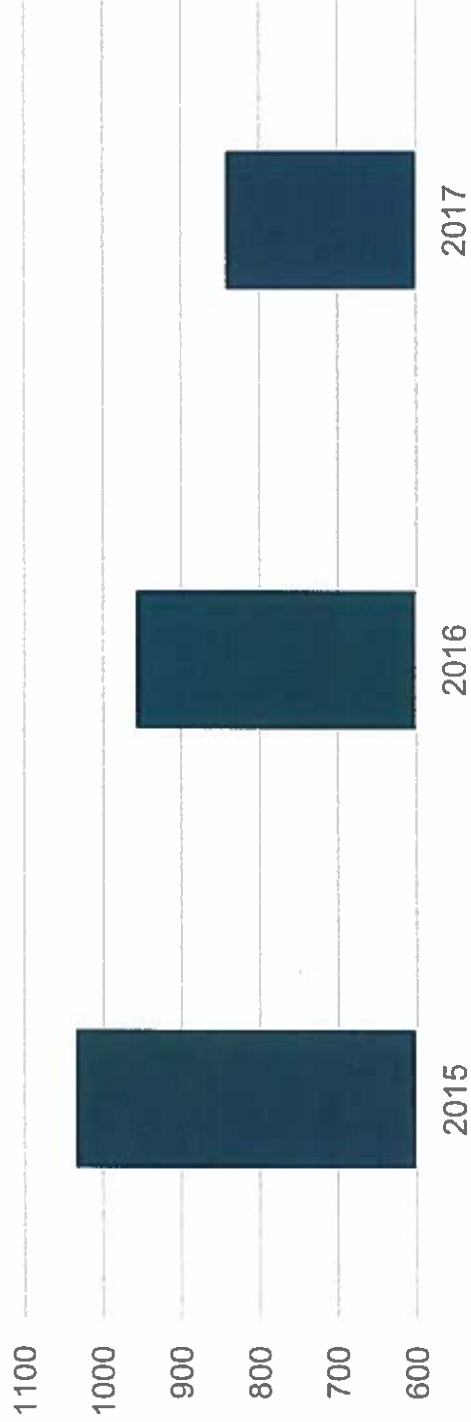


	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Homicides	295	305	267	-9%	-12%
Victim	295	305	267	-9%	-12%



## Detroit reduced the number of nonfatal shootings by 115 victims compared to 2016.

Nonfatal Shootings from 2015 to 2017

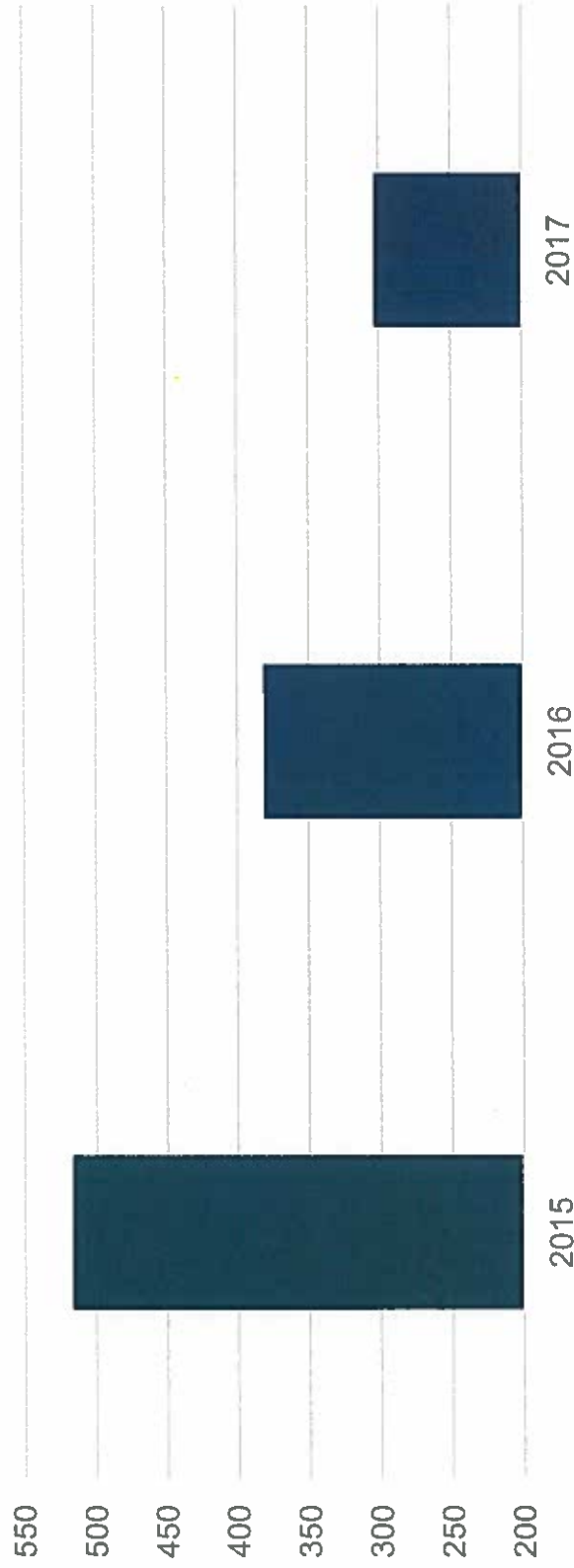


Nonfatal Shootings	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Victim	1,034	957	842	-19%	-12%



## Detroit reduced the number of carjackings by 78 victims compared to 2016.

Carjackings from 2015 to 2017

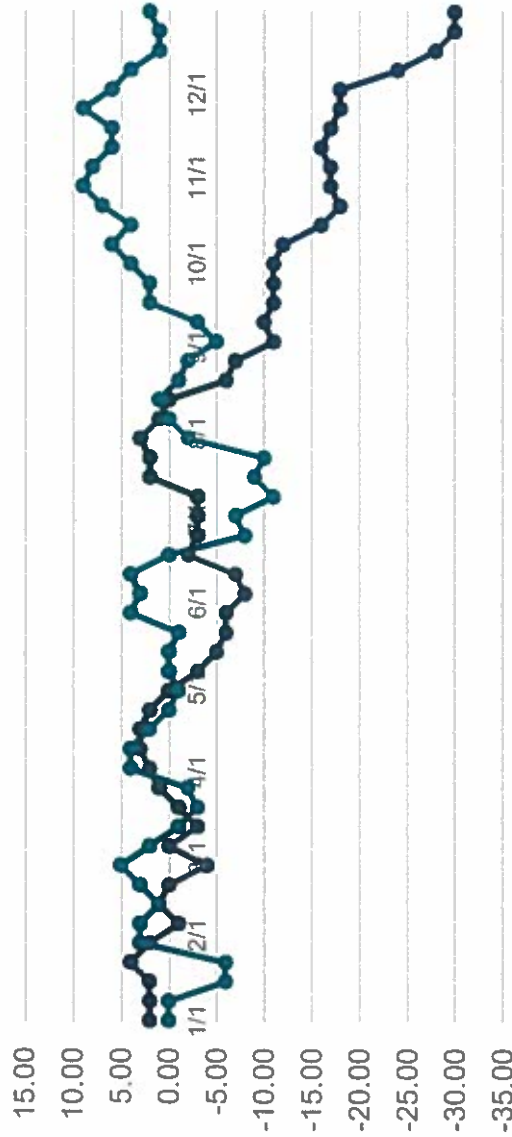


	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Carjackings	516	381	303	-41%	-20%



# Ceasefire Precincts\* had 30 fewer homicides in 2017 compared to 2015.

Comparing the Cumulative Difference from 2017 to 2015 in Homicides in Ceasefire and NonCeasefire Precinct



- In 2017, Ceasefire Precincts include 5, 6, 8, 9, 12.
- Precincts 5 & 9 became Ceasefire Precincts in August 2015; Precincts 6, 8, and 12 became Ceasefire Precincts in June 2016.

—●— 2017 CF Precincts HOM

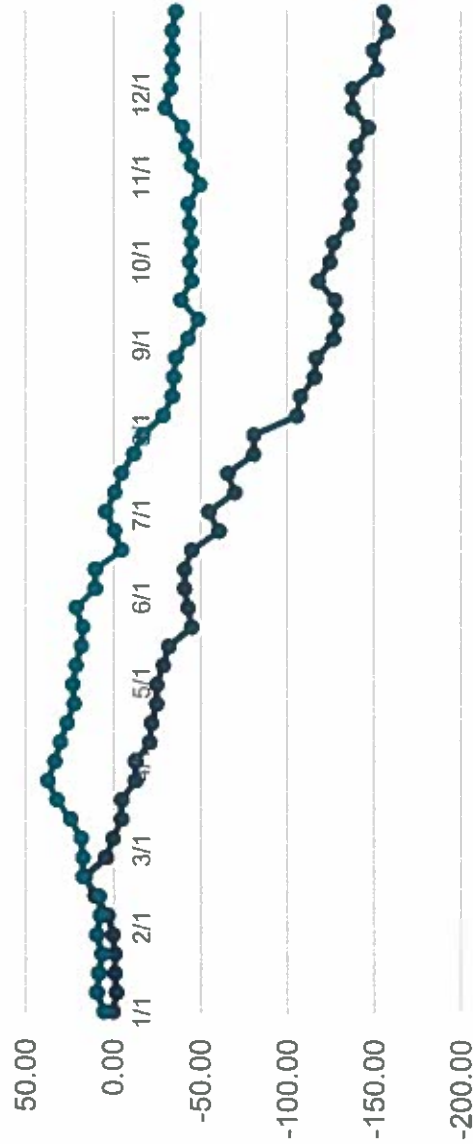
—●— 2017 Non-CF Precincts HOM

Homicides	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Ceasefire	155	168	125	-19%	-26%
Non-Ceasefire	140	137	142	1%	4%



# Ceasefire Precincts had 156 fewer nonfatal shootings in 2017 compared to 2015.

Comparing the Cumulative Difference from 2017 to 2015 in Nonfatal Shootings in Ceasefire and Non-Ceasefire Precincts



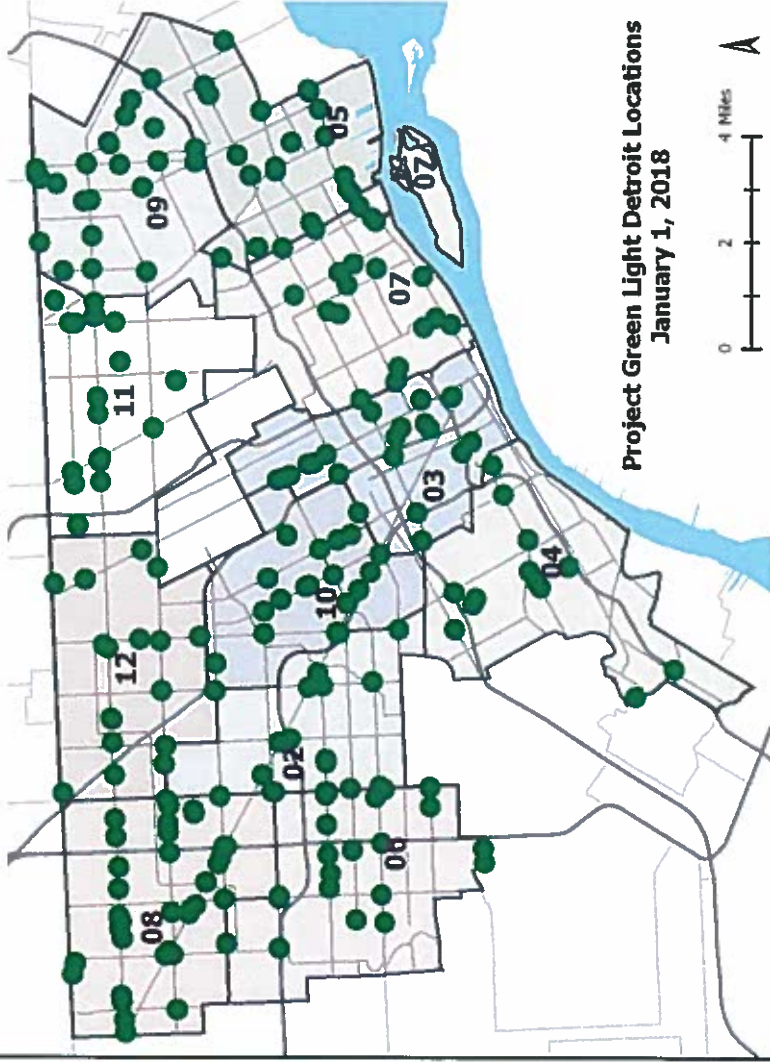
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—●— 2017 CF Precincts NFS      —●— 2017 Non-CF Precincts NFS

Nonfatal Shootings	2015	2016	2017	% Change 2015	% Change 2016
Ceasefire	599	522	443	-26%	-15%
Non-Ceasefire	435	435	399	-8%	-8%



## Project Green Light Detroit Partners grew from 87 sites on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to 231 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.



Project Green Light Detroit Locations  
January 1, 2018

In 2017, nearly **3 sites** became PGLD partners each week.

These partners experienced:

- **11% decrease** in violent crimes compared to 2016\*
- **40,471 Special Attentions (111 per day)**
- **A 14 minute response time** to all priority one 9-1-1 calls.

\*"At or near" is defined as any crime occurring within 350 feet of a GL location. Analysis included all businesses that became GL sites before 12/1/2017. Crime stats are from 1/1/2017 or the day the location went live (whichever is later) to 12/31/2017 and the same time period in 2016.



In 2017, there were the fewest homicides since 1967.

Year	Victims
1965	188
1966	214
1967	281
1968	389
1969	439
1970	495
1971	577
1972	601
1973	672
1974	714
1975	607
1976	662
1977	478
1978	498
1979	451

Year	Victims
1980	549
1981	502
1982	515
1983	581
1984	514
1985	635
1986	648
1987	686
1988	629
1989	624
1990	582
1991	615
1992	595
1993	579
1994	541

Year	Victims
1995	475
1996	428
1997	469
1998	430
1999	415
2000	369
2001	395
2002	402
2003	366
2004	384
2005	359
2006	411
2007	395
2008	342
2009	364

Year	Victims
2010	308
2011	344
2012	386
2013	332
2014	299
2015	295
2016	305
<b>2017</b>	<b>267</b>