

# Public Safety Initiatives

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**City of Richmond Reimagine Public Safety Task Force**  
Health and Safety Subcommittee

# Overview

- I. Public Safety Initiative background and context
- II. Needs and program intentions
- III. Public Safety Initiatives program overview



# I. Background and Context

- George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and Racial Justice Summer 2020
- Local context
  - Historical
    - Gary Family (1952), Denzil Dowell (1967), 1966 and 1968 Uprisings, Johnny Roman and Michael Guillory (1980s)
    - 5 de Mayo Police Riot (2002)
    - Richard “Pedie” Perez (2014)
  - Contemporary
    - Displacement, poverty, housing insecurity, physical/mental health issues all exacerbated by COVID-19
- Richmond has not served in the interest of all
  - Structural racism

## II. Needs and Program Intentions

- Based on prior presentations to this RRPS Task Force, it is clear that there are unique and particular segments of our community who could use added support, intervention, and prevention
- Based on those needs, an assessment was carried out to determine recommendations for better meeting those needs
  - Uplifting current programs
  - Implementing new programs
- These programs are intended to provide people with the resources needed to thrive without resorting to illegal means of survival or engaging in violence

## II. Needs and Program Intentions

- These programs are in response to the needs of our most vulnerable community members
- Safety and care is placed at the center and all programs provide access to further resources and support
- One common denominator across all programs is a decrease in police responsibility, a decreased susceptibility to causing community harm, and, overall, a more humanizing, dignifying, and transformational approach to addressing health and safety issues (not all of which will be captured quantitatively)

### **III. Public Safety Initiative:**

#### **Homelessness and Unhoused Intervention**

- Richmond is facing a “homelessness” crisis
  - 56% of unsheltered people are Black/African American
  - Housing security is a basic individual and community safety need
- There is a need for unique care and support, particularly around:
  - homelessness community engagement and outreach
  - hygiene and health support
  - transitional housing for adults and families
- Increasing access to these services will provide higher quality of life opportunities for some of our most vulnerable community members

### **III. Public Safety Initiative:**

#### **Homelessness and Unhoused Intervention**

- Expansion of transitional housing opportunities, hygiene services, and community engagement is central to this proposal
- SOS! Richmond has proven to be invested in and is prepared to expand availability of these services in a humanizing, caring, and transformational way
  - Employment and skill-building opportunities for unhoused folks
  - Job creation for Richmond community members and serving Richmond community members
- Having a direct and supportive approach that addresses and reduces homelessness is part of larger efforts to reduce police responsibility

### III. Public Safety Initiative:

#### *Homelessness and Unhoused Intervention*

- SOS! Richmond has opportunity to expand its functions in a three-tiered program approach
  - Streets Team (community engagement)
    - Six teams
    - Proposed program expense: \$1,190,907
  - Shower Power (hygiene and health services)
    - 10 events/week
    - Proposed program expense: \$627,774
  - Transitional Villages (transformational support)
    - Adult and Family Transitional Villages (2 total)
    - Proposed program expense: \$1,585,658
      - ~\$400K in startup costs that would reduce budget accordingly in years to follow
- Total proposed budget: \$3,404,339

# Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention Initiative

Initial Task Force Proposal

# ONS services

The **Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”)** provides and coordinates targeted intervention services to and on behalf of those identified as most likely to be perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence (“the ONS population”). A priority objective of the ONS is to ensure a greater accessibility and connectivity to culturally competent human, social and economic service opportunities (real alternatives to gun violence) for those who perpetrate gun violence...to eliminate gun violence in Richmond.

# ONS Impact

- ❑ 1 shooting with injury cost = \$435,000\*
- ❑ 1 shooting with homicide = \$1million\*
- ❑ 28 firearms incidents prevented\*
- ❑ \$12.2 to 28 million dollars savings from gun violence interruptions\*

\*Data from Public Policy Institute of California

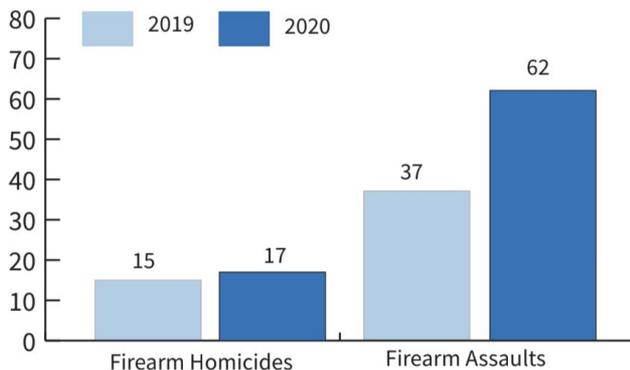
# Office of Neighborhood Safety **Richmond 2020**

## Firearm Incidents Causing Injury or Death Prevented

**28** Firearm Incidents Prevented **\$12.2-\$28 M** Savings from gun violence interruptions



Richmond Firearm Homicides & Assaults | 2019 & 2020



## Gun Violence Reduction Work

- 4,443** Street Outreach + Fellow Contacts
- 7,917** Hours of engagement
- 248** Service referrals
- 28** Imminent gun violence conflicts interrupted
- 88** Community conflicts mediated that could have escalated into gun violence
- 27** Shootings responded to – ONS helped avoid further retaliatory violence

\* Cost Estimates from The Public Policy Institute of CA

**27** Fellows

## Office of Neighborhood Safety Fellows in 2020

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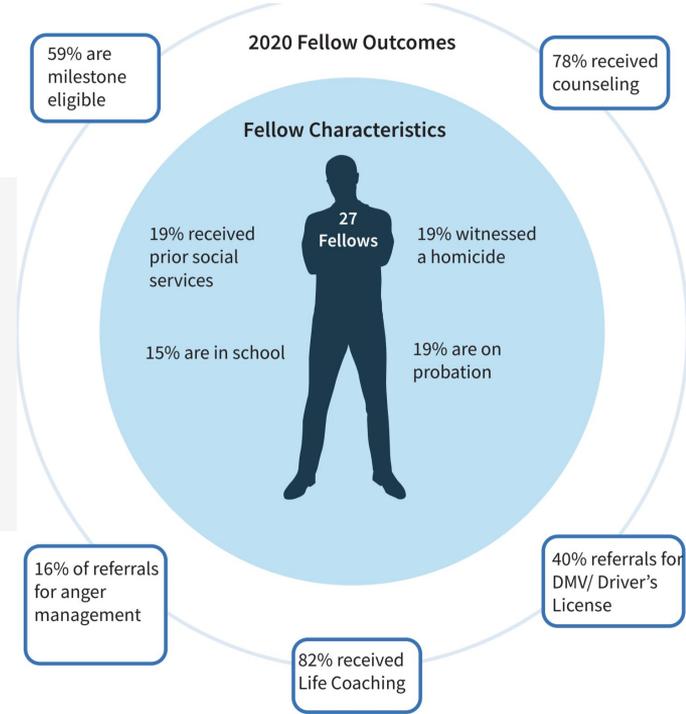
lost to gun violence

96%

have no new  
firearm injuries

89%

are not a suspect in a  
new firearm related  
crime



# Needed Resources

- Members in the community over 40 have are underserved and funding is needed for those individuals to get access to these services.
- Need for increased Shifts depend on specific time frames including:
  - School Shifts
  - Night Shifts
  - Day Shifts
- These areas of needs to the community will require at minimal a doubling of staff.

# Mental health component

ONS works closely with RYSE, and community based organization that provides mental health services to youth in need.

Many of these youth are impacted by gun violence, and can benefit from the services provided by RYSE.

More staffing and counseling providers and needed to make an even more positive impact on community youth. Prevention and intervention collaboration with ONS includes:

- “Restorative Pathways Project”
  - Trauma-informed case management and individual counseling services for young people harmed by violence
    - Including anger management and restorative justice practices and support

# Financial Proposal

Currently, the office of Neighborhood Safety receives roughly 1.9 million dollars from the general fund annually.

It is proposed that an increase of 2.5 million dollars is needed to improve and provide a much needed boost to the violence prevention component in our community.

# Financial Proposal

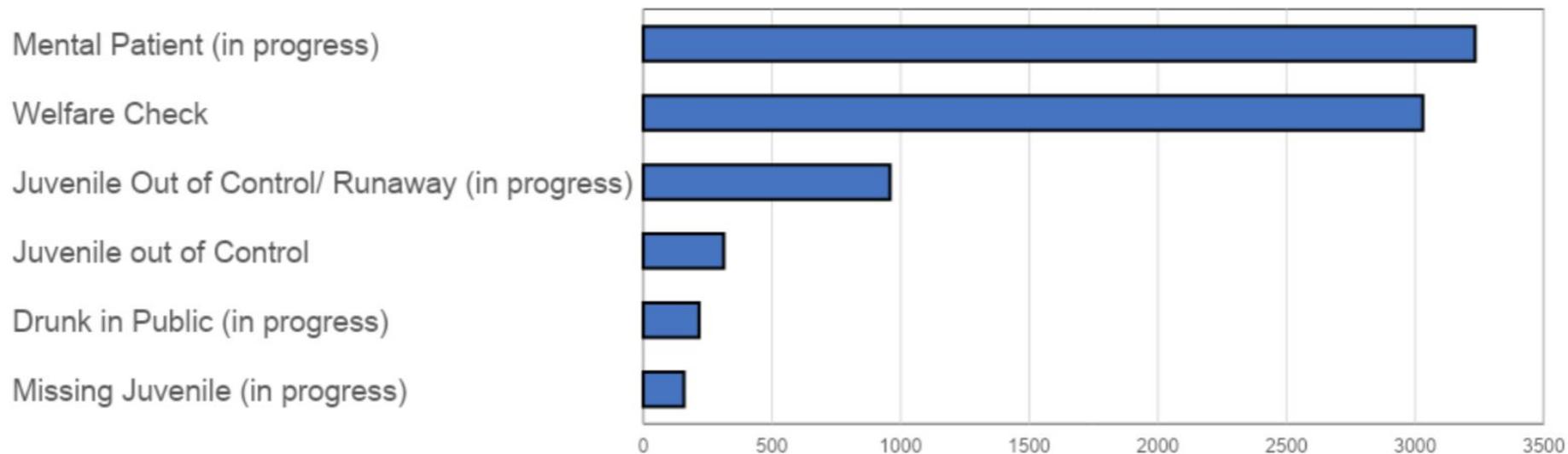
- Current ONS budget (general fund) = \$1,994,534
- Proposed additional fund reallocation = \$2,500,000
- Total Proposed 2021 ONS budget (General fund) = \$4,494,534(annually)

### **III. Public Safety Initiative:**

#### **Community Crisis Response Program**

- Mental health related calls are the most common call type in RPD use of force scenarios
- Community led program that responds to behavioral health crisis calls not appropriate for police.
- Three person team with one medic and two mental health/harm reduction specialists
- Team uses methods of de-escalation, cultural competency, peer support, trauma informed care, conflict resolution, and many other evidence based care solutions
- Plan will use the number 311 to receive calls, 911 dispatch will refer calls to the team
- A public outreach campaign is included in the plan

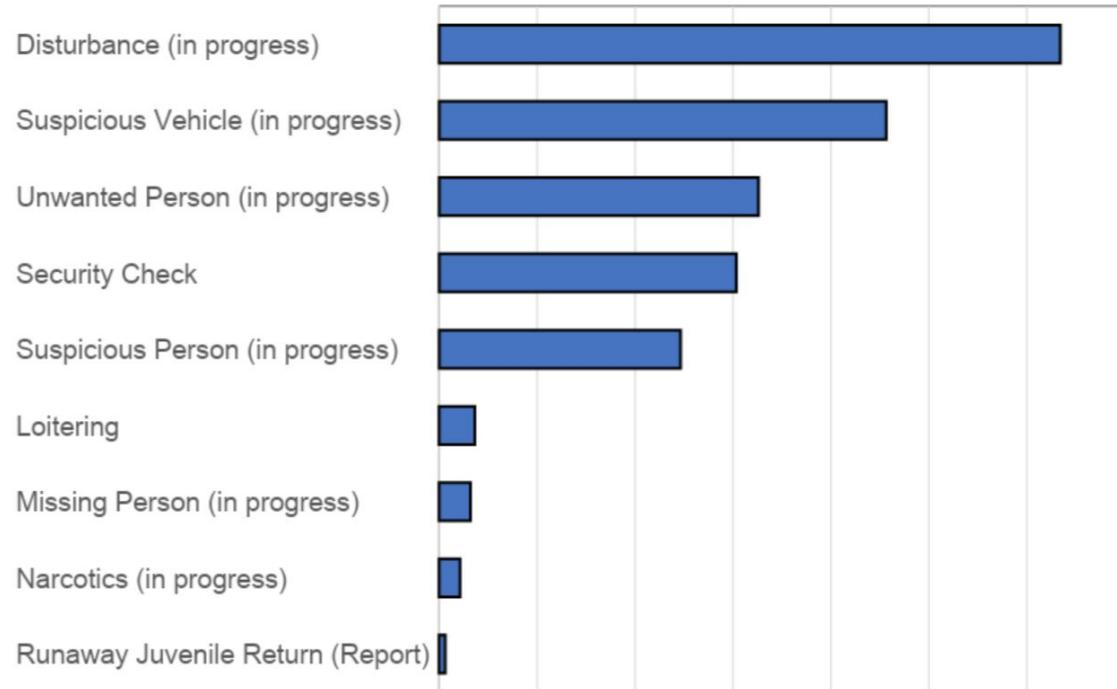
## Incidents that will be Responded to by Community Crisis Response Program



Type of Incident	Number of Incidents (Under 100)	Percent of Total Calls
Missing Juvenile (in progress)	159	0.08%
Drunk in Public (in progress)	217	0.11%
Juvenile out of Control	313	0.17%
Juvenile Out of Control/ Runaway (in progress)	959	0.51%
Welfare Check	3030	1.60%
Mental Patient (in progress)	3,233	1.71%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7911</b>	<b>4.18%</b>

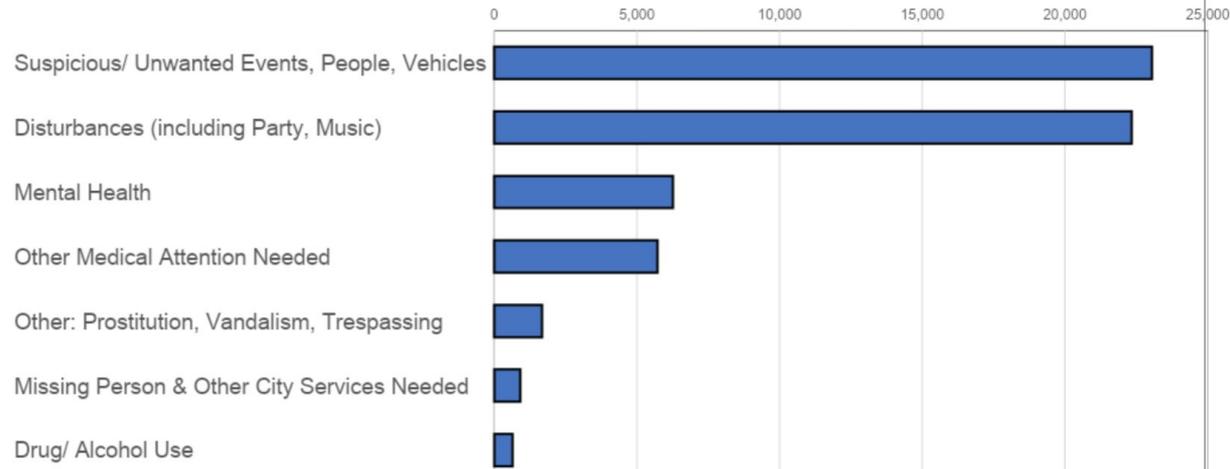
## Categories that may include calls diverted to Community Crisis Response Program

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Incident Type	Number Unduplicated	
Disturbance (in progress)	12685	6.70%
Suspicious Vehicle (in progress)	9129	4.82%
Unwanted Person (in progress)	6520	3.44%
Security Check	6068	3.20%
Suspicious Person (in progress)	4929	2.60%
Loitering	729	0.38%
Missing Person (in progress)	638	0.34%
Narcotics (in progress)	428	0.23%
Runaway Juvenile Return (Report)	123	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41126</b>	

## Types of Incidents Potentially Addressed by Future Expansion of CCRP



<b>Categorized Incidents</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Suspicious/ Unwanted Events, People, Vehicles	23,052	12.2%
Disturbances (including Party, Music)	22,341	11.8%
Mental Health	6,263	3.3%
Other Medical Attention Needed	5,722	3.0%
Other: Prostitution, Vandalism, Trespassing	1,675	0.9%
Missing Person & Other City Services Needed	911	0.5%
Drug/ Alcohol Use	645	0.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62,298</b>	<b>32.9%</b>

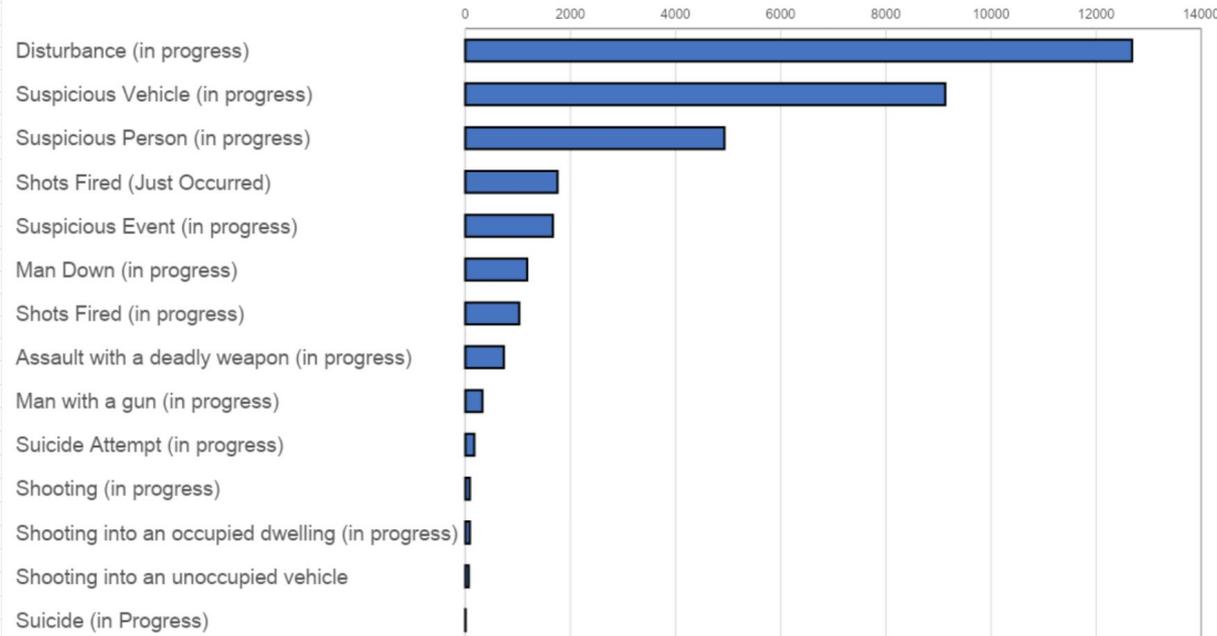
# Crisis Response program Staffing and Budget

<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Staff</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dispatcher	4.2 (Y1 and Y2), 8.4 (Y3)	\$315,000	\$315,000	\$630,000	<b>\$1,260,000</b>
Linkage to Care Specialist	1 (Y1 and Y2), 2 (Y3)	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000	<b>\$300,000</b>
Community Responders	8.4 (Y1 and Y2), 16.8 (Y3)	\$672,000	\$672,000	1,344,000	<b>\$2,688,000</b>
Medic	4.2 (Y1 and Y2), 8.4 (Y3)	\$357,000	\$357,000	\$714,000	<b>\$1,428,000</b>
Program Director	1.00	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	<b>\$255,000</b>
Benefits		\$601,600	\$601,600	\$1,169,200	<b>\$2,372,400</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,105,600</b>	<b>\$2,105,600</b>	<b>\$4,092,200</b>	<b>\$8,303,400</b>
<b>Administration</b>					
Professional Services (training)		\$75,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	<b>\$175,000</b>
Outreach		\$150,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	<b>\$250,000</b>
Utilities		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
Harm reduction supplies		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
Other operating expenses		\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	<b>\$285,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>	<b>\$770,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,445,600</b>	<b>\$2,320,600</b>	<b>\$4,307,200</b>	<b>\$9,073,400</b>

## Recommendations (RRPS Task Force Health and Safety Subgroup):

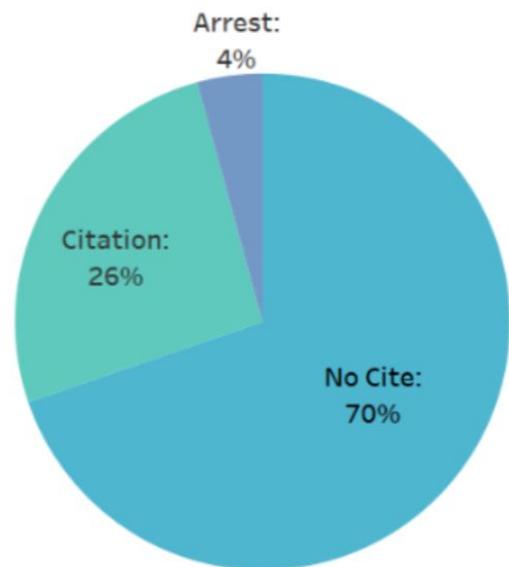
- Initiatives proposed:
  - a. Funding for SOS [Funding of \$3,404,339]
    - Homelessness/unhoused support and care
    - Shower power, streets team, transitional villages
  - b. Increased funding for ONS [addtl. Funding of \$2,500,000]
    - Gun violence prevention and intervention
  - c. Funding and implementation of CCRP (Community Crisis Response Program) [Funding of \$2,445,600]
    - Mental health crisis response and support
- The proposed initiatives focus on better addressing key community needs and issues around **homelessness, gun violence prevention and intervention, and mental health crisis response/services**

Calls in these Categories will likely be Reduced by Preventive Functions of CCRP, ONS, SOS, YouthWorks

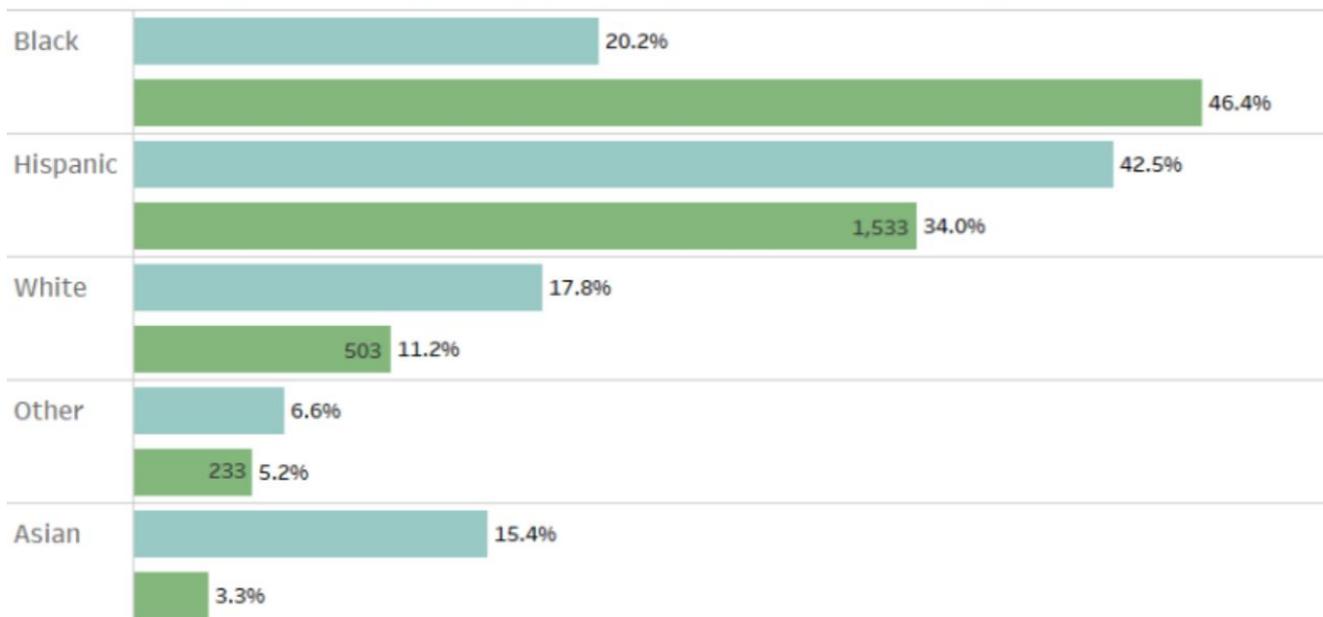


Categories	Number	Percent
Disturbance (in progress)	12685	6.57%
Suspicious Vehicle (in progress)	9129	4.73%
Suspicious Person (in progress)	4929	2.55%
Shots Fired (Just Occurred)	1,754	0.91%
Suspicious Event (in progress)	1,666	0.86%
Man Down (in progress)	1,176	0.61%
Shots Fired (in progress)	1,025	0.53%
Assault with a deadly weapon (in progress)	734	0.38%
Man with a gun (in progress)	324	0.17%
Suicide Attempt (in progress)	173	0.09%
Shooting (in progress)	84	0.04%
Shooting into an occupied dwelling (in progress)	85	0.04%
Shooting into an unoccupied vehicle	64	0.03%
Suicide (in Progress)	5	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33828</b>	<b>17.52%</b>

Outcomes of Traffic Stops (2016-2018)



Stops by Race (2016-2018): % of population, # and % of total stops



## Incidents by Low and High Priority

