

# Downtown West Crime Prevention

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# Statistics show Minneapolis violent crime edged up in 2016<sup>1</sup>

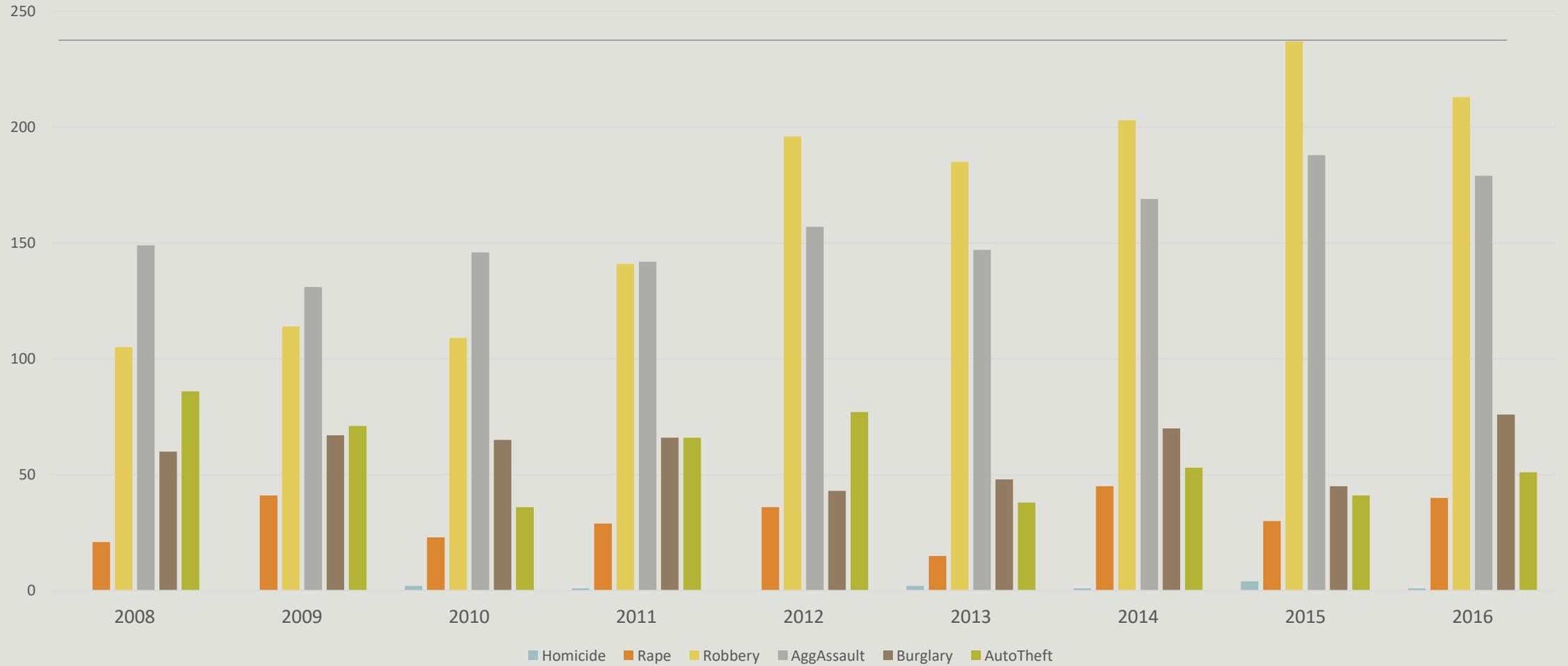
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“According to police data, the neighborhoods with the highest violent crime rates in 2016 were: Downtown West (71.1 per 1,000 people), Hawthorne (40.3), East Phillips (30.2), Jordan (29.8), Folwell (29).”

“To prevent a further escalation of violence, authorities last fall announced an anti-gang plan with a special emphasis on community involvement that they insisted would fight crime and give gang members a chance at a better life. The so-called Group Violence Intervention program, or GVI, is expected to be launched this spring. Recent gang crackdowns have resulted in dozens of arrests and taken some of the most violent offenders off the streets, police say. Last month, the City Council approved a \$1.3 billion budget that calls for the hiring of 15 new police officers in 2017, bringing the department’s authorized strength to 877.”

“Any hopes that the new year would bring relief from the bloodshed were dashed with the shooting of four people in the first 48 hours of 2017.”

# Downtown West



# Stats Breakdown<sup>2</sup>

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NEIGHBORHOOD - DT WEST	Total	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	AggAssault	Burglary	AutoTheft
2008	421		21	105	149	60	86
2009	424		41	114	131	67	71
2010	381	2	23	109	146	65	36
2011	445	1	29	141	142	66	66
2012	509	0	36	196	157	43	77
2013	435	2	15	185	147	48	38
2014	541	1	45	203	169	70	53
2015	545	4	30	237	188	45	41
2016	560	1	40	213	179	76	51

# Minneapolis business leaders raise concerns about downtown safety<sup>4</sup>

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"Looking ahead, we are steadfast in our position that we cannot have another year like this one!" said the letter, which was sent Monday by the leaders of Meet Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Council and Building Owners and Managers Association.

"We must continue to create and sustain both the reality and perception of a safe, welcoming downtown. When we fail to consistently achieve this goal, we place the future of Minneapolis and the viability of our downtown at risk."

The business groups want more visible police presence, youth outreach, additional safety cameras and lighting, and perhaps school safety zones around city bus stops used by students.

They want a plan ready to go by April 1.

Hodges replied Tuesday, explaining that she met with business leaders in October and committed to carrying out a new plan by April.

"I am gratified that your top request of me is to implement the ideas I proposed two months ago," she said."

# Council approves 2017 Minneapolis budget that includes levy increase of 5.5 percent<sup>5</sup>

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“\$1.3 billion in spending approved; most will see a property tax increase. ”

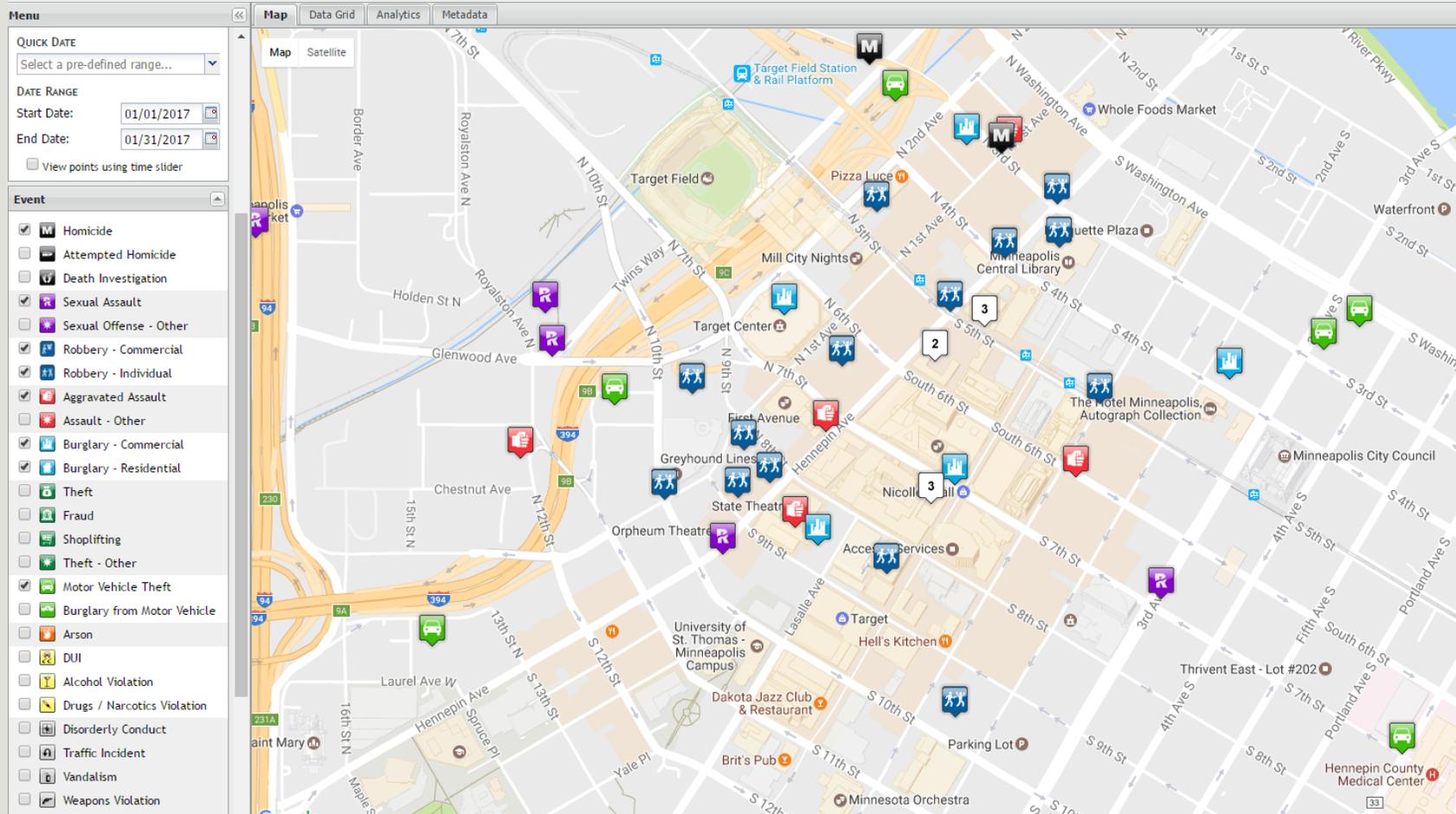
“More than half of the new money is needed to help cover rising employee pay and benefits set in labor contracts. The city also plans to add police officers, a small-business initiative and provide better parks maintenance.”

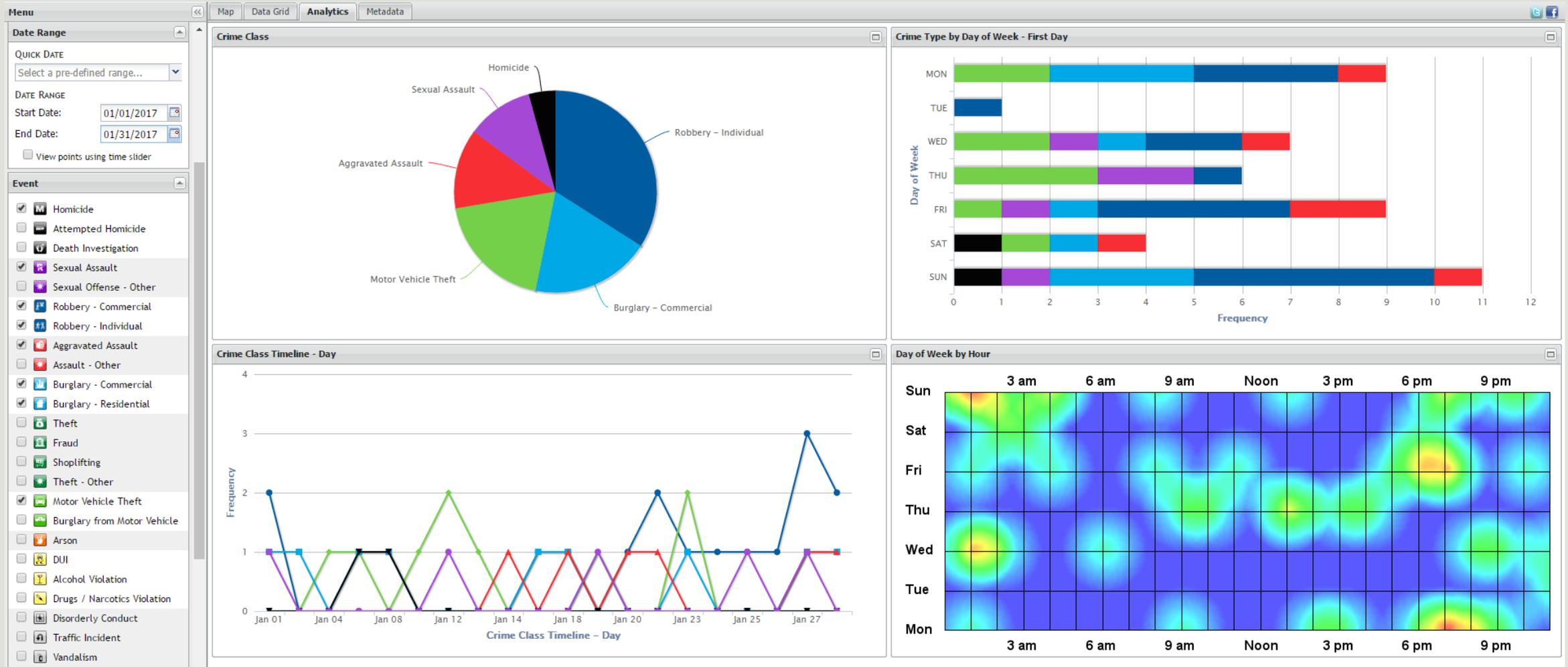
“The budget includes \$4 million in new spending to hire 15 police officers and 20 part-time community service officers.”

“The public hearing before council budget deliberations was dominated by residents' concerns about two issues: the city's hiring of more police officers, and the city's banking relationship with Wells Fargo, which handles transactions, investment management and bond issuance for Minneapolis.”

“On proposals from Council Member Lisa Goodman, \$250,000 in funding was moved for Meet Minneapolis into community-based policing by the Downtown Improvement District”

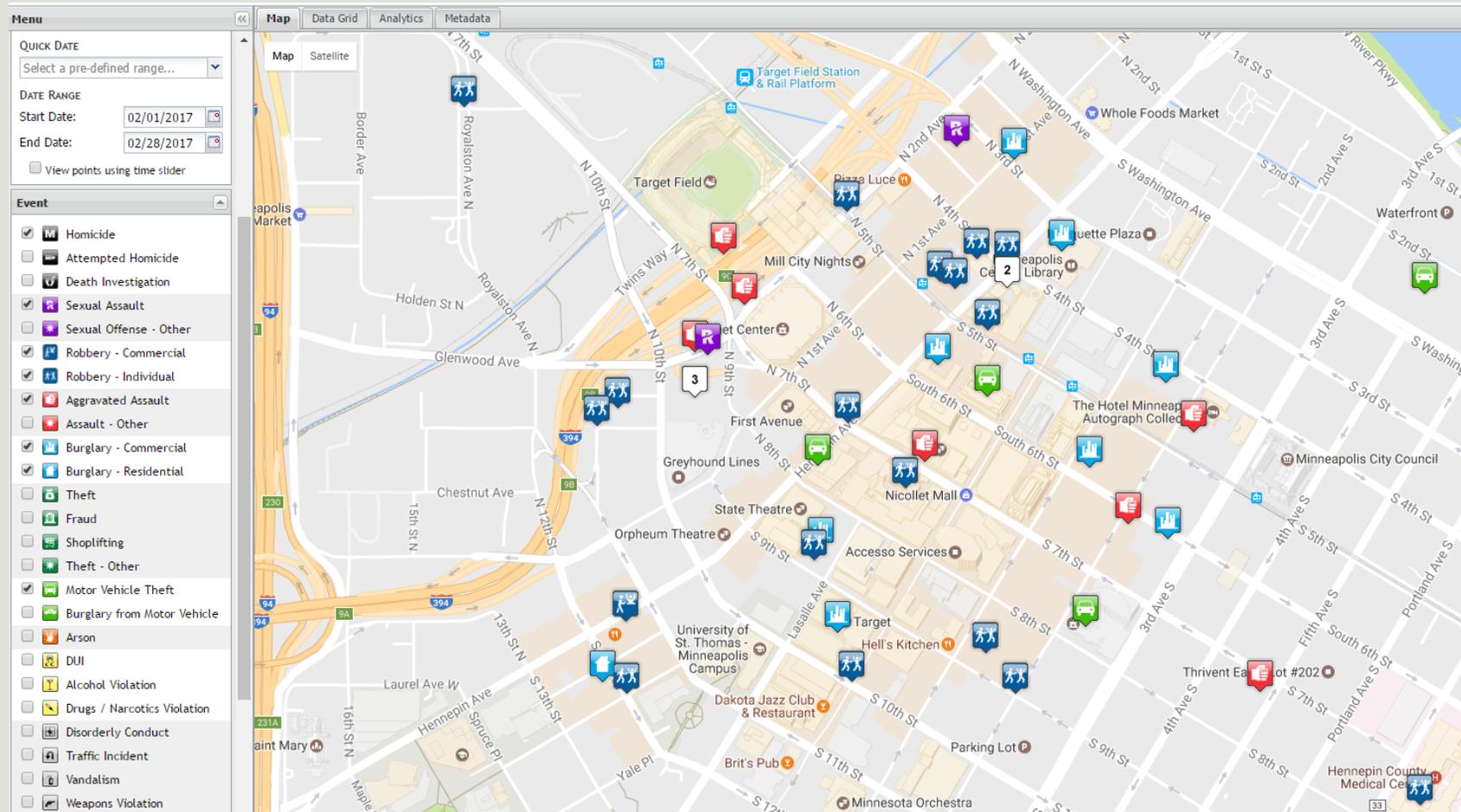
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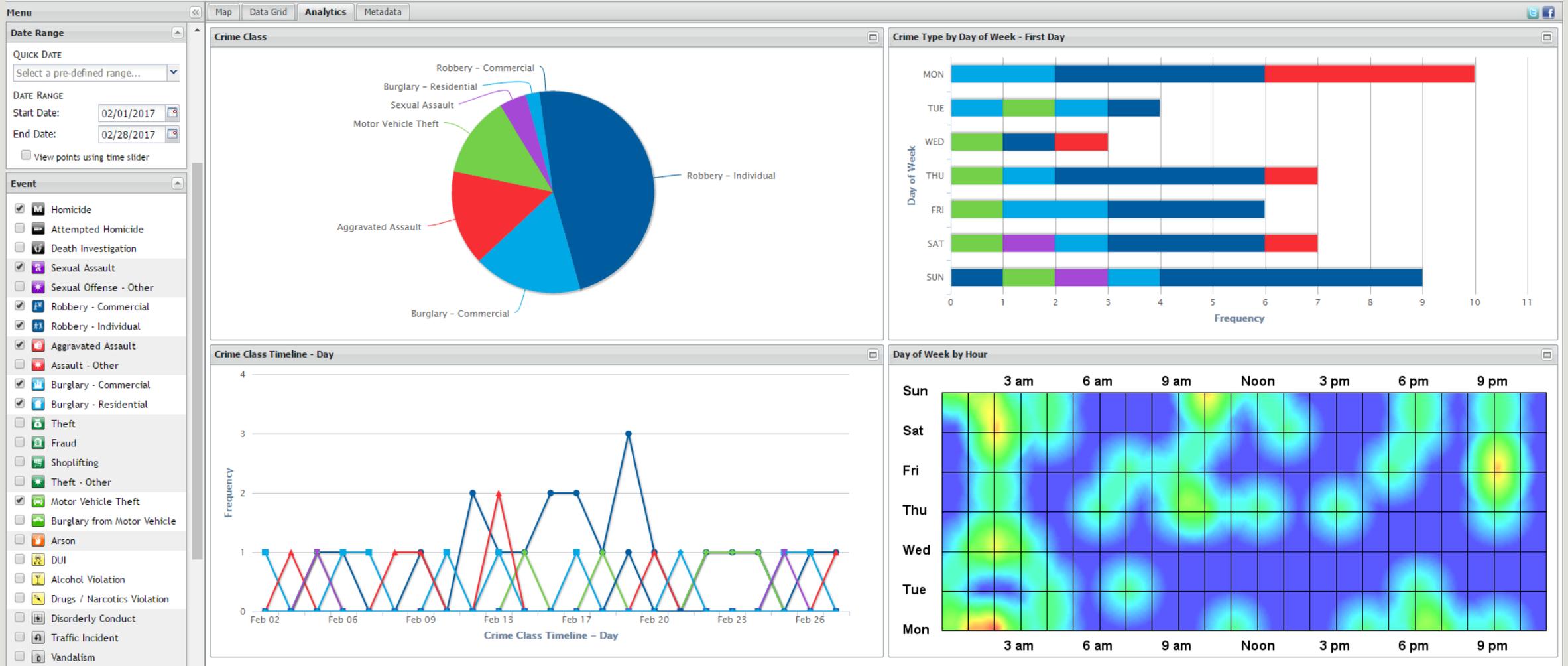




Statistics courtesy of [www.communitycrimemap.com](http://www.communitycrimemap.com)

# February 2017





# 319.225 Parking Lot Security

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(a) If the licensing official becomes aware of chronic problems or complaints with loitering, disorderly behavior, consumption of beverage alcohol, thefts, property damage, or other nuisance-related or criminal activity on parking lots licensed under this chapter, after (i) providing notice to the licensee of the concerns (ii) providing licensee a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem, and (iii) if the problems persist, conducting a hearing to ascertain if increased measures are warranted, the licensing official may require such parking lots to provide increased monitoring or other reasonable security measures. To impose such monitoring or increased security measures, the licensing official must prove at the hearing that a licensee, after notice and an opportunity to correct, has failed to adequately address the parking lot problems. The licensing official's determination may be based on all relevant evidence including the location's uniform crime reporting statistics.

# 541.340 Lighting

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Any lighting used to illuminate off-street parking areas shall be shielded and arranged in such a way as to comply with the performance standards of [Chapter 535](#), Regulations of General Applicability. A light source that maintains a minimum level of security and provides for transition into covered parking areas shall be provided, as approved by the city engineer, except when accessory to single-family and two-family dwellings, multiple-family dwellings of four (4) or fewer units, and cluster developments.

# 530.260 Crime Prevention through Environment Design

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Site plans shall employ best practices to increase natural surveillance and visibility, to control and guide movement on the site, and to distinguish between public and non-public spaces. Site plans shall include the following *crime prevention* design elements:

(1) *Natural surveillance and visibility.* Design the site, landscaping, and buildings to promote natural observation and maximize the opportunities for people to observe adjacent spaces and public sidewalks.

(2) *Lighting levels.* Provide lighting on site, at all building entrances, and along walkways that maintains a minimum acceptable level of security while not creating glare or excessive lighting of the site.

(3) *Territorial reinforcement and space delineation.* Locate landscaping, sidewalks, lighting, fencing and building features to clearly guide pedestrian movement on or through the site and to control and restrict people to appropriate locations.

(4) *Natural access control.* Locate entrances, exits, signs, fencing, landscaping, and lighting to distinguish between public and private areas, control access, and to guide people coming to and going from the site.

(2005-Or-038, § 30, 4-29-05)

# Police Officer Stats<sup>7</sup>

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**Current number of Minneapolis police officers:** 872 officers

**Current number of Minneapolis officers in first precinct:** 111 officers assigned to the precinct

**Current number of Minneapolis officers in the Downtown West area specifically:** changes daily based on shift staffing

# Retirement Estimates

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**How many officers are expected to retire or quit in the next few years?**

There is no way for the department to give an estimate number of officers who will retire in the next few years. This is dependent on peoples years of service and when they want to retire or are eligible to retire.

# Foot Patrols

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## **How are foot patrols on Hennepin used during the summer?**

The officers do foot patrols all times of the year, dependent on weather conditions. The first precinct has the daywatch beat, powerwatch beat that focusing on community engagement with business and community members while on their foot beats. There are also opportunities for additional foot beats in the summer, but that is dependent on posted buy back/ overtime.

# Community Service Officers<sup>8</sup>

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“A Community Service Officer (CSO) works approximately 20-30 hours per week in the Minneapolis Police Department up to three years while enrolled as a student in an approved, two-year law enforcement program and/or working toward completion of MN Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) licensing requirements. CSO's assist the police department and community by promoting intercommunication, understanding and cooperation between department personnel and the diverse communities of the City of Minneapolis. The CSO is a civilian position which has the possibility of promotion to a full time Police Officer position. Salary: 16.27 per hour, plus tuition!”

# Community Service Officers cont'd

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## **Job description including but not limited to:**

- Assists patrol officers in non-enforcement activities
- Responds to citizen requests for service
- Maintains police vehicles and equipment as assigned
- Picks up and delivers correspondence for the department and community organizations
- Identifies and reports criminal activities
- Assists citizens in identifying crime prevention techniques
- Recovers abandoned property
- Assists in traffic control of special events, major fires, parades and accidents
- Assists department officers or other agencies in providing transportation as requested
- Must pass periodic performance evaluation

# A bill for an act relating to public safety; creating a geographic restriction crime; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609

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## Section 1. [609.6057] GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTION.

**Subdivision 1. Definition.** As used in this section "geographic restriction" means a limitation prohibiting a defendant in a criminal proceeding or a juvenile offender in a delinquency proceeding from entering a designated property or geographic area.

**Subdivision. 2. Prohibited conduct; penalty.** A person who knows of a geographic restriction order issued against the person and intentionally enters or is found in the restricted area is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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**Subdivision 3. Notice.** (a) A geographic restriction may be issued as a pretrial order before final disposition of the underlying criminal case, as a postconviction probationary order, or both. A geographic restriction order is independent of any condition of pretrial release or probation imposed on the defendant. A geographic restriction order may be issued in addition to a similar restriction imposed as a condition of pretrial release or probation.

- (b) In deciding whether to issue a geographic restriction, a court shall consider the following factors:
- (1) whether a defendant's presence in a restricted area creates a risk to public safety or property;
  - (2) a defendant's criminal history;
  - (3) the likelihood of future criminal activity within the restricted area; and
  - (4) any other factors deemed relevant by the court.

(c) A geographic restriction order under this section shall be issued in a proceeding that is separate from but which may be held immediately following a proceeding in which any pretrial release or sentencing issues are decided.

- (d) A court issuing a geographic restriction order under this section shall notify a defendant:
- (1) of the area subject to a geographic restriction; and
  - (2) that violation of the geographic restriction order is a crime.

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**Subdivision. 4. Cancellation.** (a) A court shall cancel a pretrial geographic restriction order at the final disposition of the underlying criminal case. A court shall cancel a postconviction geographic restriction order when an offender completes a period of probationary supervision or is committed to the commissioner of corrections. A court may cancel a postconviction geographic restriction order at any time during which an offender is under probationary supervision.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date."

# Public Cameras in Critical Zones

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# US Cities Implementing Public Cameras

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[Vinita, Oklahoma](#)

[Church St., Vermont](#)

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# Community Support for Police

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## **Police need cooperation from people in the community.**

Oct 3, 2016      National News

6 people shot near 4<sup>th</sup> St and Henn Ave. None of the victims cooperating with police.<sup>9</sup>

Jan 11, 2017      Victims not cooperating

2 people shot near 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and First Ave. Witnesses not cooperating with police.<sup>10</sup>

## **Community support needed to hire additional officers.**

Dec 7, 2016

City Council approves the hiring of 15 additional officers. Protests at City Hall.<sup>11</sup>

# Citations

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<sup>6</sup> January and February Crime Maps: [https://communitycrimemap.com/?rms=Minneapolis\\_Crime\\_Map&type=simple&address=Minneapolis%2520MN](https://communitycrimemap.com/?rms=Minneapolis_Crime_Map&type=simple&address=Minneapolis%2520MN)

<sup>7</sup> Number of officers from insidempd.com, Other officer information courtesy of Officer Corey Schmidt, Public Information Officer of the Minneapolis Police Department

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