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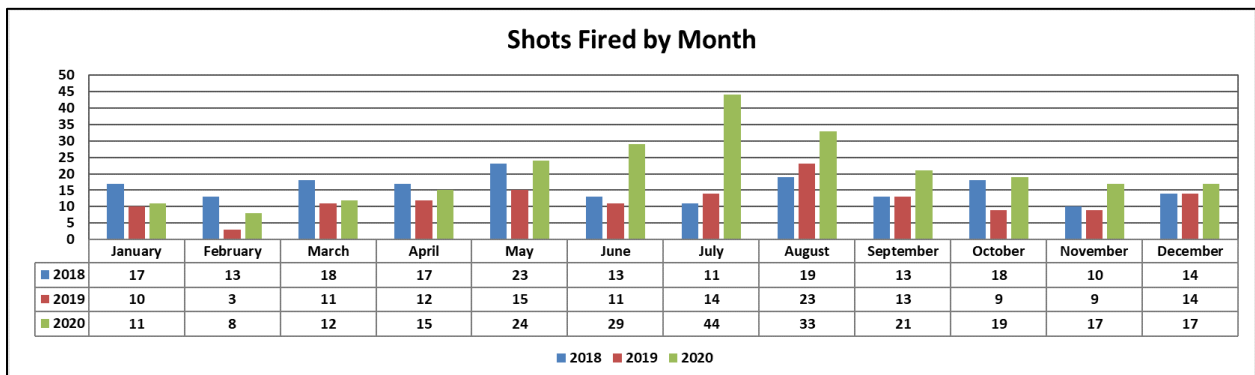
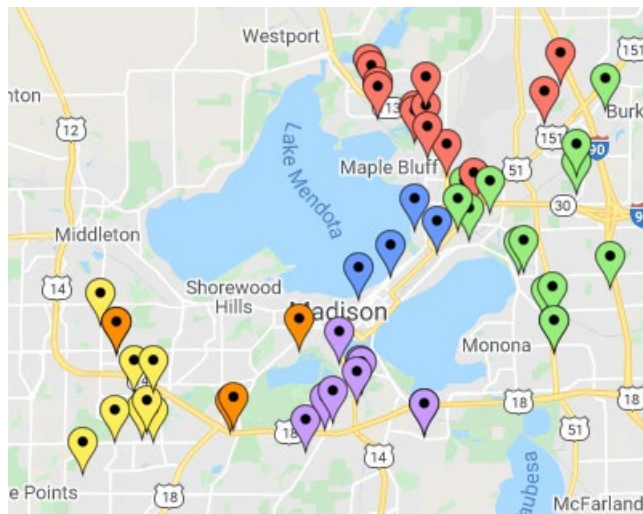
**DATE:** January 15, 2021

**TO:** All Alders  
**FROM:** Victor Wahl, Acting Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report

This document provides an update on selected MPD topics for the fourth quarter (October, November, and December) of 2020. **Please consider the data included in this update as preliminary, subject to modification.**

**Significant Incident Types**

*Shots Fired* – there were fifty-three (53) shots fired incidents in the City from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> (2020). This is a **66%** increase from the fourth quarter of 2019. Twenty-two (22) shots fired incidents were reported during the 4pm – midnight period; fifteen (15) were reported during the midnight – 8am time period; and sixteen (16) were reported during the 8am – 4pm time period.

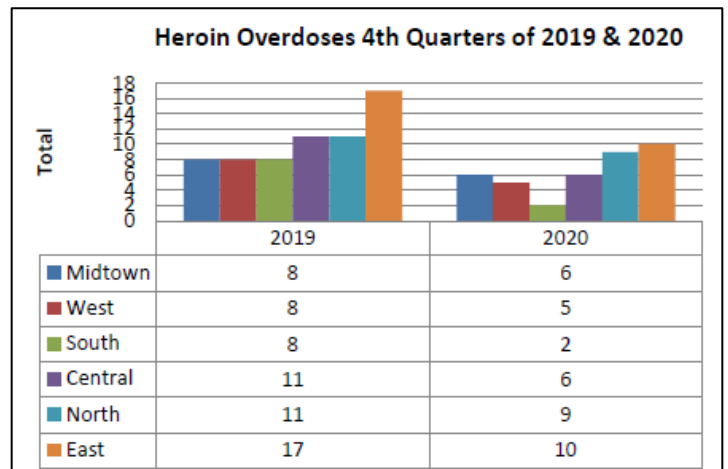


	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Total
<b>Property Damage</b>	6	27	47	17	97
<b>Subjects Struck by Gunfire*</b>	7	13	19	9	48
<b>Accidental Discharge</b>	4	1	1	2	8
<b>Self-Inflicted (intentional)</b>	2	3	3	3	11
<b>Casings Recovered</b>	70	202	565	274	1,111

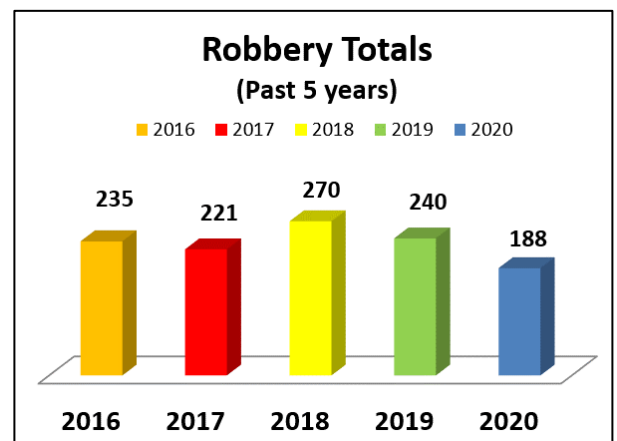
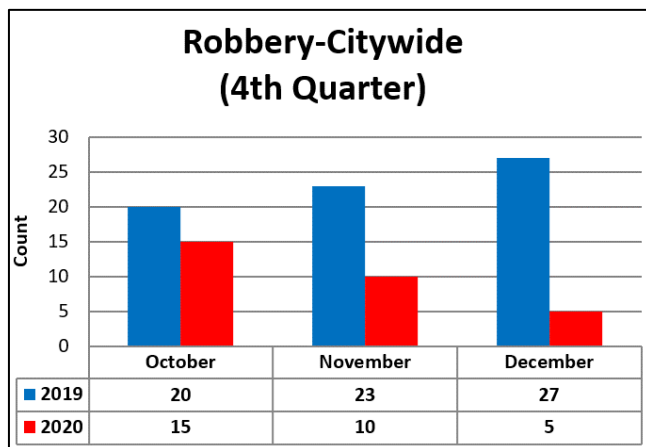
\*Excludes accidental discharge & self-inflicted

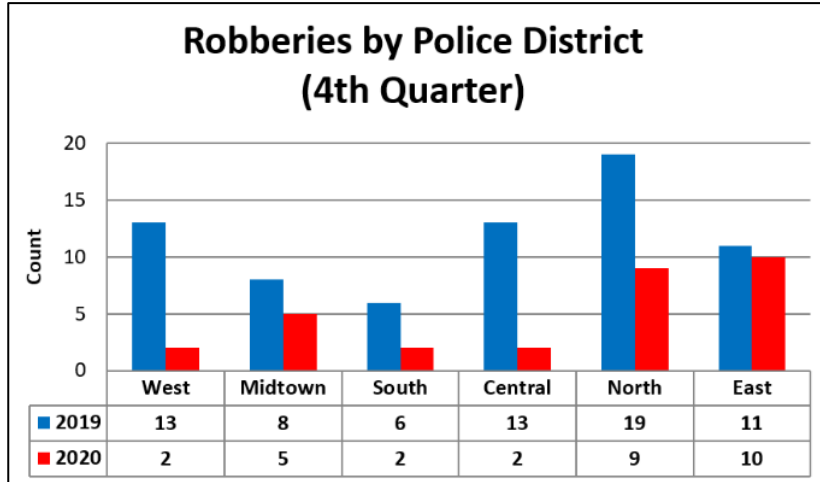
*Heroin Overdoses* – MPD responded to thirty-nine (39) known heroin overdoses during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 38% decrease from the fourth quarter of 2019. Note that these figures refer to known overdoses...it is likely that many overdoses are occurring without any report to MPD or MFD.

There were six (6) overdose deaths during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 33% decrease from the fourth quarter in 2019 [note that these figures only include overdose deaths with police involvement and clear evidence of an overdose; the actual figure may be higher].

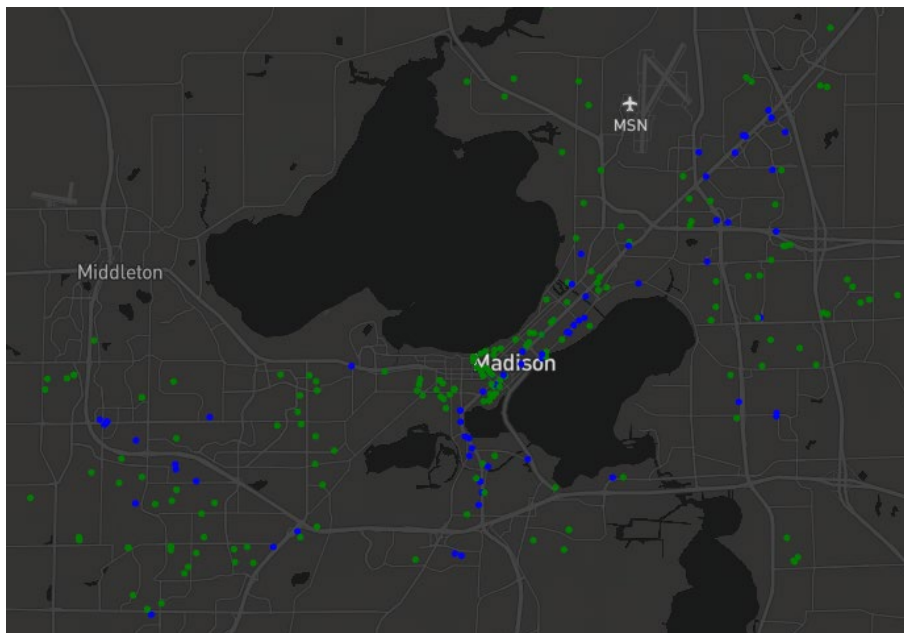
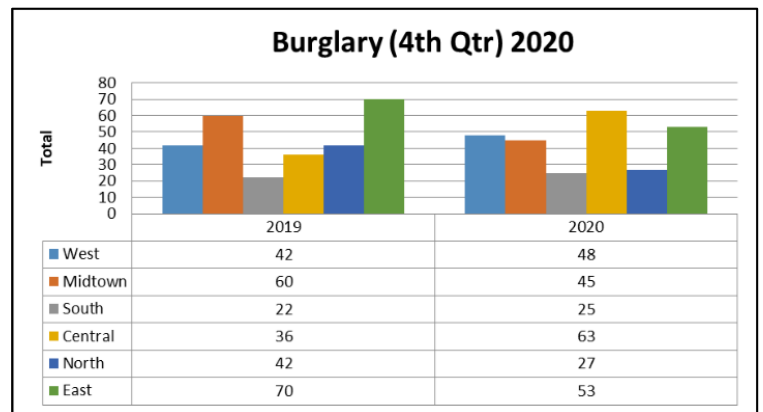
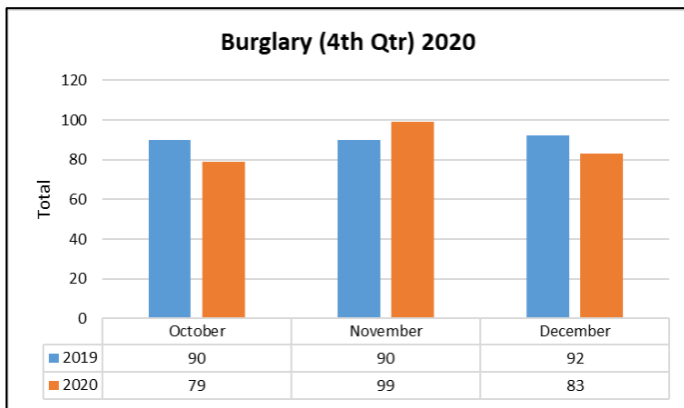


*Robberies* – Thirty (30) robberies occurred in the City during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 57% decrease from the fourth quarter of 2019. The end-of-year robbery total in 2020 (188) reflected a 22% decrease from 2019 and was the lowest annual robbery total in the last five years.



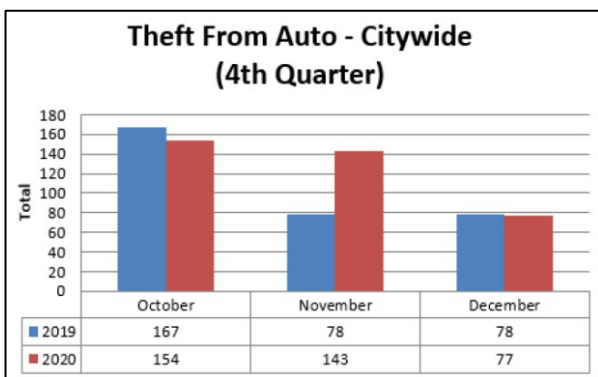
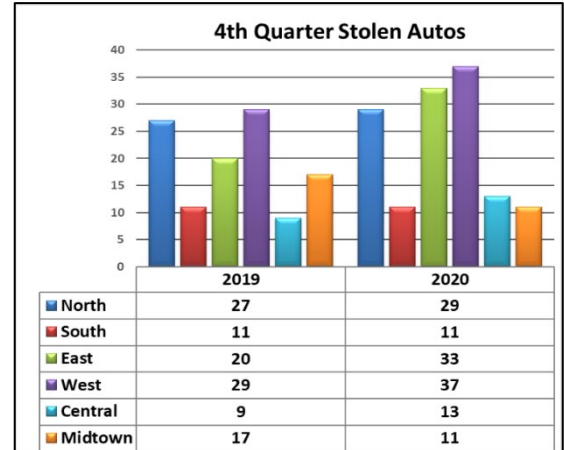


*Burglaries* – MPD responded to 261 burglaries during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 4% decrease from the fourth quarter in 2019.



Blue: nonresidential burglary; green: residential burglary

*Stolen Autos* – MPD investigated 141 stolen autos during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 25% increase from the fourth quarter in 2019.



*Thefts from Vehicles* – MPD investigated 374 thefts from vehicles during the fourth quarter of 2020. This is a 16% increase from the fourth quarter in 2019

### Arrest Data

Fourth quarter arrest data:

Sex	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Male	1,371	1,222	1,133	969	4,695	73.9%
Female	539	407	378	337	1,661	26.1%
Unknown	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Race	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Asian	28	27	16	19	90	1.4%
African-American	905	754	780	657	3,096	48.7%
Native American	7	10	11	11	39	0.6%
Other	38	42	26	10	116	1.8%
Caucasian	933	796	678	609	3,016	47.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

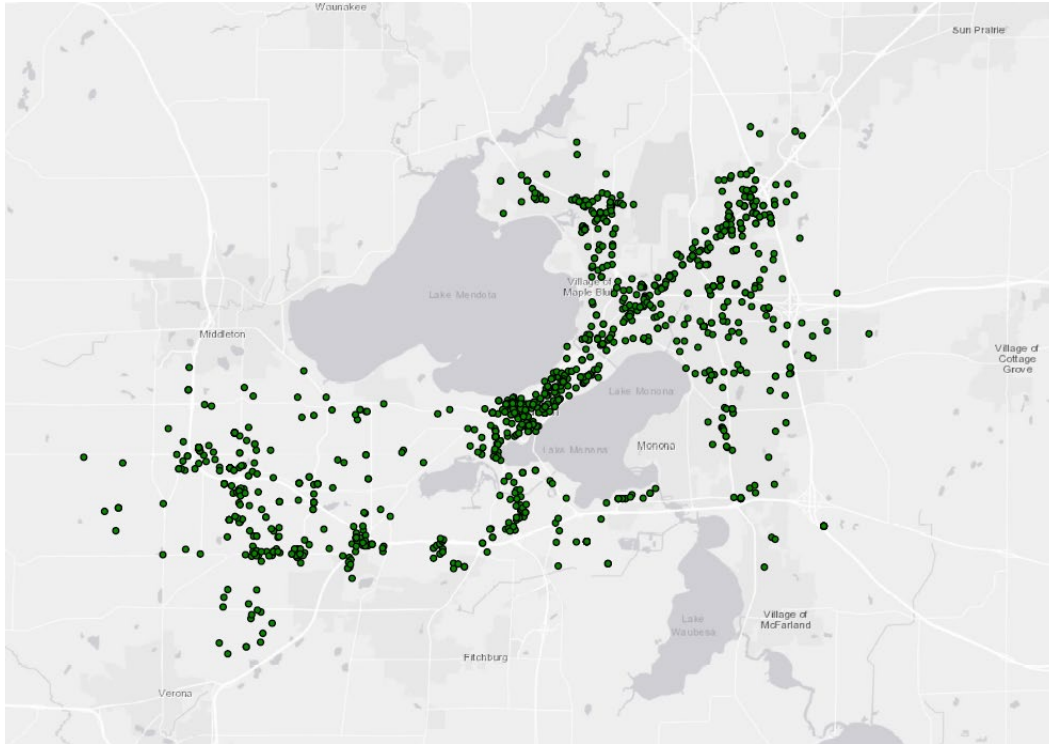
\*\*\*"Hispanic" is not a racial designator used for UCR/IBR crime reporting purposes. However, it is an ethnicity collected and tracked in MPD's records management system, in addition to race. These arrest figures are based on that data. Each arrested person with a Hispanic ethnicity will also have a race indicated (from the above options) and reflected in MPD's crime reporting.

IBR Arrest Charges						
Group A Offenses	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0	1	3	0.0%
Arson	0	1	4	1	6	0.1%
Assault Offenses	308	303	310	293	1,214	11.2%
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Burglary	22	39	33	33	127	1.2%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	6	3	3	5	17	0.2%
Damage to Property	117	124	116	103	460	4.3%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	235	212	120	127	694	6.4%
Embezzlement	4	0	4	5	13	0.1%
Extortion	1	4	1	5	11	0.1%
Fraud Offenses	24	16	17	22	79	0.7%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Homicide Offenses	0	1	10	3	14	0.1%
Human Trafficking Offenses	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
Kidnapping/Abduction	13	13	14	21	61	0.6%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	233	172	153	149	707	6.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	63	35	47	37	182	1.7%
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	2	2	2	8	0.1%
Prostitution Offenses	4	0	1	1	6	0.1%
Robbery	30	20	33	15	98	0.9%
Sex Offenses, Forcible	24	11	23	12	70	0.6%
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible	0	1	2	0	3	0.0%
Stolen Property Offenses	6	9	16	8	39	0.4%
Weapon Law Violations**	38	47	39	26	150	1.4%
Group B Offenses	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
Bad Checks	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	11	36	1	1	49	0.5%
Disorderly Conduct	642	575	561	450	2,228	20.6%
Driving Under the Influence	132	92	104	80	408	3.8%
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	13	22	12	8	55	0.5%
Liquor Law Violations	91	21	34	14	160	1.5%
Peeping Tom	0	1	0	0	1	0.0%
Runaway	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Trespass of Real Property	165	133	112	75	485	4.5%
All Other Offenses	969	846	849	792	3,456	32.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>10,806</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* More than one charge may be connected to an arrest.

Note that the first two tables reflect persons arrested, and the third table reflects charges. Some arrested persons are charged with multiple offenses, so the totals will not match.

Fourth quarter arrests reflected geographically:



Comparison of 2019 to 2020 fourth quarter arrest data:

Sex	2019 (Q4)	2020 (Q4)
Male	1,341	969
Female	543	337
Unknown	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>1,306</b>

Race	2019 (Q4)	2020 (Q4)
Asian	36	19
African-American	883	657
Native American	10	11
Other	32	10
Caucasian	923	609
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>1,306</b>
<b>Hispanic*</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>69</b>

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## Use of Force Overview

During the fourth quarter of 2020, MPD officers responded to 28,851 incidents. In that time, there were thirty-six (36) citizen contacts in which officers used recordable force during the encounter. Each of these force incidents documented by officers was reviewed for compliance with MPD standard operating procedures. **Note that use of force data related to the riots/unrest that occurred this year is reflected separately below.**

Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Calls for Service	32,218	30,605	33,958	28,851	125,272
Citizen Contacts Where Force Was Used	80	51	55	36	222
% of CFS Where Force Was Used	0.25%	0.17%	0.16%	0.12%	0.18%
<b>Force</b>					
Decentralization/Takedown	59	44	38	29	141
Active Counter Measures	19	13	6	8	38
Taser Deployment	9	9	18	5	36
Hobble Restraints	13	10	11	6	34
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	12	3	5	1	20
Baton Strike	0	0	0	0	0
K9 Bite	0	1	0	2	1
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0	0	0	0
Impact Munition	3	0	2	1	5
Specialty	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>327</b>
Firearm Discharged to Put Down a Sick or Suffering Animal	12	11	18	17	58

\*Please refer to the MPD SOP on use of force data collection for the definition of recordable force and distinction between reportable and recordable use of force:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/sop/UseOfForceData.pdf>

Fourth quarter use of force data by MPD district and time of day:

District*	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
West	11	8	4	6	29	13.1%
Midtown	13	3	11	5	32	14.4%
South	5	4	2	2	13	5.9%
Central	23	15	14	8	60	27.0%
North	14	9	10	3	36	16.2%
East	12	12	13	11	48	21.6%
Out of County	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Within County - Assist	2	0	1	1	4	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Time of Day/Patrol Shift	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	%
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Detail (7am – 3pm)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Detail (3pm – 11pm)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Detail (11pm – 7am)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Comparison of fourth quarter 2019 with fourth quarter 2020 use of force data:

<b>Force</b>	<b>2019 (Q4)</b>	<b>2020 (Q4)</b>
Decentralization/Takedown	68	29
Active Counter Measures	12	8
Taser Deployment	8	5
Hobble Restraints	12	6
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	9	1
Baton Strike	0	0
K9 Bite	1	2
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	1	0
Impact Munition	2	1
Specialty (SWAT/SET)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>52</b>

### Riots/Unrest

The City experienced several nights of significant civil unrest in 2020. These events included violence, property damage, looting, and arson. Law enforcement agencies from across the State along with National Guard personnel were required to assist MPD's response. Rocks, bottles, chairs, and other projectiles were thrown at officers; multiple officers sustained injuries. Officers utilized chemical agents and other tools/techniques to address ongoing looting and violence:

<b>Force</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Decentralization/Takedown	7	4	11
Active Counter Measures	1	1	2
Taser Deployment	0	0	0
Hobble Restraints	0	0	0
OC (i.e. Pepper) Spray Deployment	96	8	104
Baton (push/shove)	56	0	56
K9 Bite	0	0	0
Firearm Discharged Toward Suspect	0	0	0
Impact Munition	20	3	23
Specialty	135	24	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>355</b>

Use of force information for these events is being reported separately to clearly distinguish force used during the unrest. I anticipate providing further detail (breakdown by date, etc.) in the future.

Note that the City experienced near-daily protest activity from June through December 2020. MPD staffed a daily command post with officers designated to assist with protest activity for more than 180 consecutive days. MPD policed the vast majority of these events – many involving civil disobedience or other challenging behavior – without significant incident or need for police intervention.

The Quattrone Center for Impartial Justice (affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania Law School) is conducting a review of these events. This process is intended to identify factors that led to the undesirable outcome (like policy, training, culture) and make recommendations to improve them. MPD has been communicating regularly with the Quattrone Center and the review process is well underway.



## Gun Violence

The City experienced an unprecedented level of gun violence in 2020. The monthly total for shots fired incidents in July (44) reflected the highest monthly total since the department has been tracking shots fired incidents. The monthly totals in August (33) and June (29) reflect the second and third highest monthly totals, respectively. Other metrics (shell casings recovered, persons struck by gunfire, etc.) were also much higher in 2020. For example, 473 shell casings were recovered by MPD during all of 2019; 1,111 were recovered in 2020 (an increase of 135%). Twenty-six (26) people were struck by gunfire in 2019; forty-eight (48) were struck by gunfire in 2020 (an increase of 85%).

Response to this level of gun violence is very resource-intensive; both the initial response (primarily patrol personnel) and follow-up investigative efforts (Violent Crime Unit and district detectives). MPD also works to prevent future violence/retaliation using department resources and external partners.

## MPD Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a significant impact on MPD. As the COVID-19 situation was developing, MPD created an internal task force to focus exclusively on COVID-19 issues. The work group has done a tremendous amount of work in response to the COVID-19 challenge, ensuring that MPD continues to deliver core services to the community. A number of MPD employees have tested positive for COVID-19, and the pandemic has impacted a number of projects/processes.

COVID vaccination for individuals in group "1a" has started. This group includes frontline healthcare workers and EMS personnel. Law enforcement is expected to be included in group "1b," and it appears as though vaccination for MPD personnel will begin relatively soon.

## Mental Health Related Workload

During the fourth quarter of 2020 MPD personnel spent about **3,700** hours of work on cases/incidents involving the mentally ill. This is an average of about **40** hours per day. The bulk of this workload was handled by patrol officers.

This work includes thirty-two (**32**) emergency detentions. It took an average of about **twenty-seven (27)** officer hours for each of these cases. MPD personnel also handled an additional **eight (8)** mental health commitment returns; these averaged about **seventeen (17)** officer hours each.

## Training

Forty-nine new officers completed the pre-service academy in November. The group has now moved into field training, and will be ready for solo patrol service in February. Fall in-service started in September and finished in December; all commissioned MPD personnel received training in the following topics:

- Firearms
- Deadly Force SOP
- Less Lethal Force Options
- De-escalation
- Duty to Intervene

- Prohibited Workplace Harassment
- Policing the Teen Brain

### **SOP Updates**

A number of MPD SOPs were updated during the quarter. Copies showing the changes are attached to this memo as an appendix. Note that all MPD SOPs are reviewed regularly, with the most critical SOPs being reviewed annually. This process typically results in additional SOP changes/updates.

MPD has also started posting drafts of new/revised SOPs on our website before final implementation, to allow for public review and comment.

### **Defense Logistics Agency/Law Enforcement Support Office (10-33 program)**

MPD did not acquire any property through DLA/LESO during the fourth quarter of 2020.

### **Priority/emergency call response**

During the fourth quarter, there were sixty-nine (69) instances where MPD's patrol response was limited to emergency and priority calls. Note that some of these instances did not impact citywide response but were limited to a particular district or area of the City.

The sixty-nine instances occurred on forty-nine (49) dates (some days required limited call response multiple times); this means that at some point on **53%** of the days during the fourth quarter MPD patrol response was limited. The sixty-nine instances spanned about **138** total hours of limited call response, an average of 2 hours per instance. In terms of total hours during the fourth quarter, MPD patrol response was limited to emergency and priority calls about **19%** of the time.

### *Promotions*

2020 – Fourth Quarter Promotions

Lieutenant Daniel Nale to Captain  
Lieutenant Jamar Gary to Captain  
Sergeant Shannon Blackamore to Lieutenant  
Sergeant Eugene Woehrle to Lieutenant  
Detective Sergeant John Messer to Lieutenant  
Police Officer Wade Gummin to Sergeant  
Police Officer Livia Novitzke to Sergeant  
Police Officer Daniel Sherrick to Sergeant  
Police Officer Luke Lengfeld to Sergeant  
Police Officer Jared Prado to Sergeant  
Police Officer Joseph Buccellato to Detective  
Police Officer Katherine Bland to Detective  
Police Officer Anna Schmidt to Detective

*Discipline/compliments (link to quarterly PS&IA summary):*

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/psiaRecognition2020OctDec.pdf>

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/psiaSummary2020OctDec.pdf>