

DOWNTOWN UPDATES

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Public Feedback

"I live downtown and love living here however the crime in downtown is out of control. I rarely frequent the bars but I was at one last Saturday and my phone was stolen. I understand that change takes time but something has to be done sooner than later."



"The area (Entertainment District) has been turned over to the drug sellers, lawless nightclubs, and people who go there just to race motorcycles...and enjoy the loud lawless atmosphere full of crime."



"I used to work at Elize (on Church Street) and the Rusty Spoon prior to that...The story was always the same of why they closed their doors and took my job and income. It was because of the loudness and crowds in Orlando attracts are so rough when we didn't have a special event at Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center. Most people don't come downtown to buy anything now."



"We support a cultural center downtown and more diversity...Our residents have witnessed the decline of the visitor mix coming to this region and the crime too many of these [nightclubs] have created."

Our property value and opportunities have suffered due to the nightclubs having an illegal and out of balance control over this district..."



Chief Eric D. Smith

Orlando Police Department

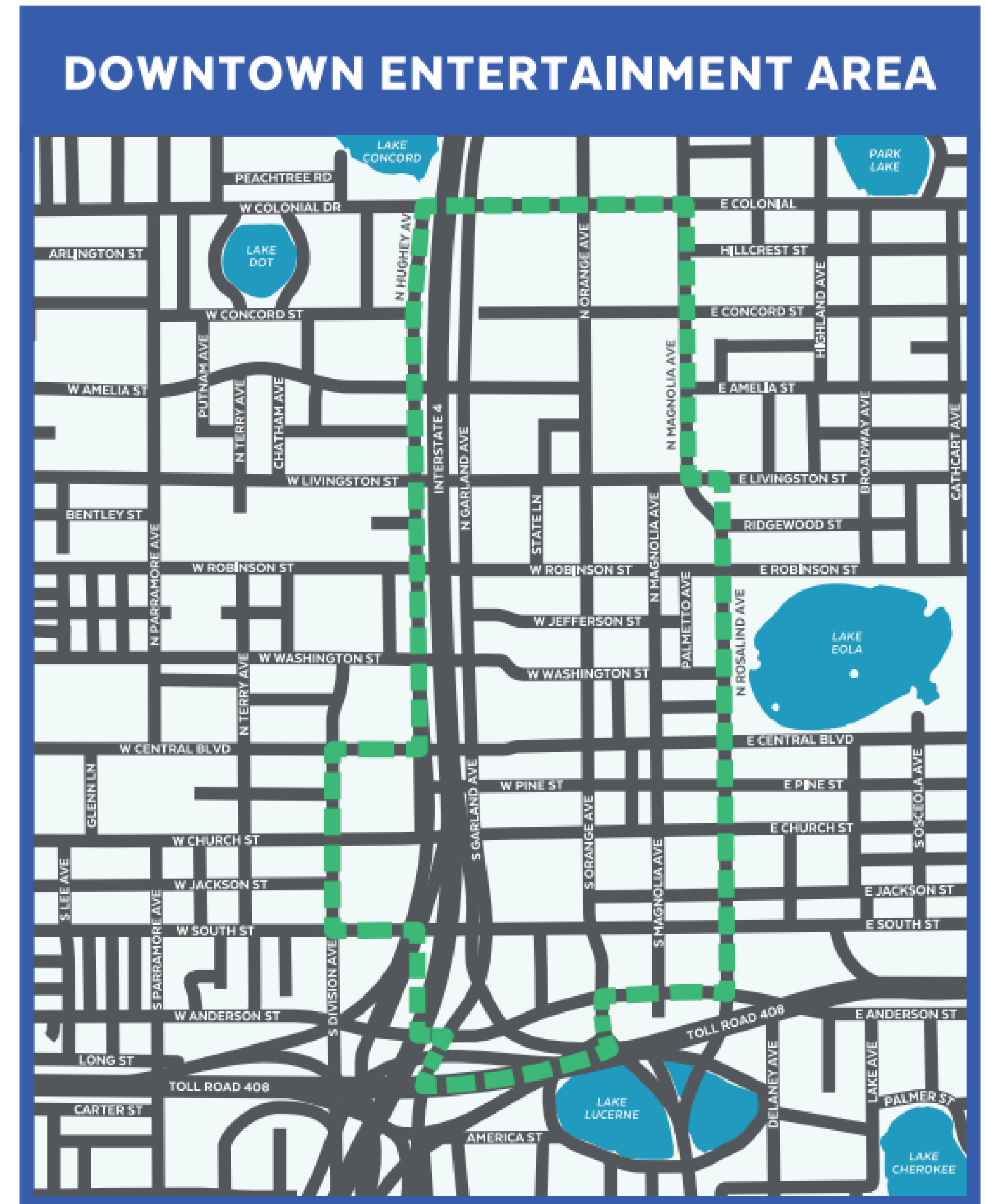


Violent Crime in the Downtown Entertainment Area (DEA)

- Crime stats from January 21, 2021 – December 31, 2022
- Crime within the DEA spikes between the hours of midnight to 4 am
- The two hours of 2 am and 3 am account for 25% of all violent crime in downtown



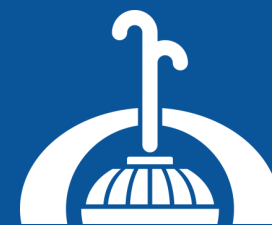
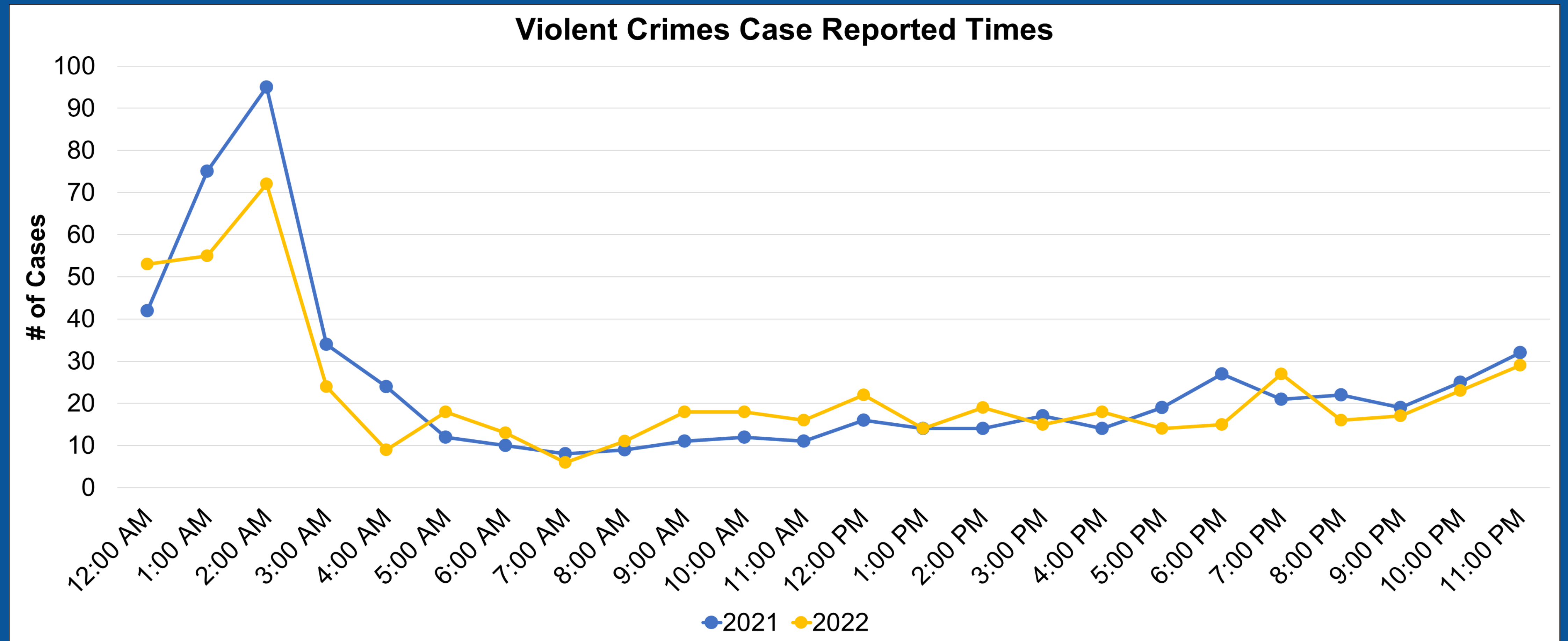
DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT AREA



 **Downtown Entertainment Area Boundary**

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Violent Crime in the DEA

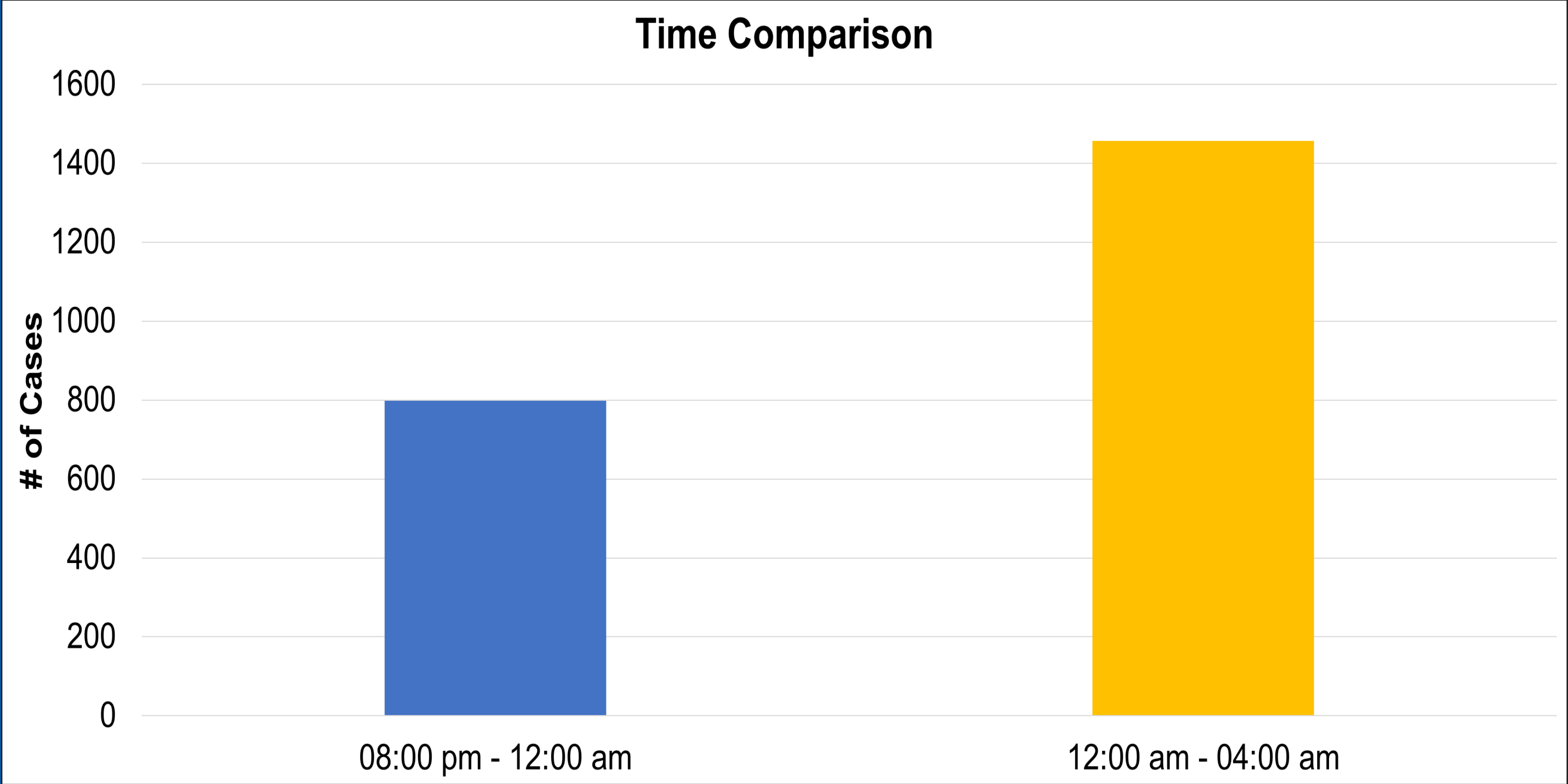


8:00 pm to Midnight vs. Midnight to 4:00 am

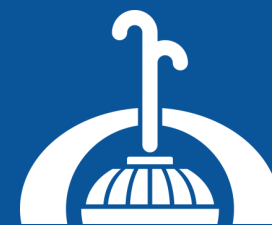
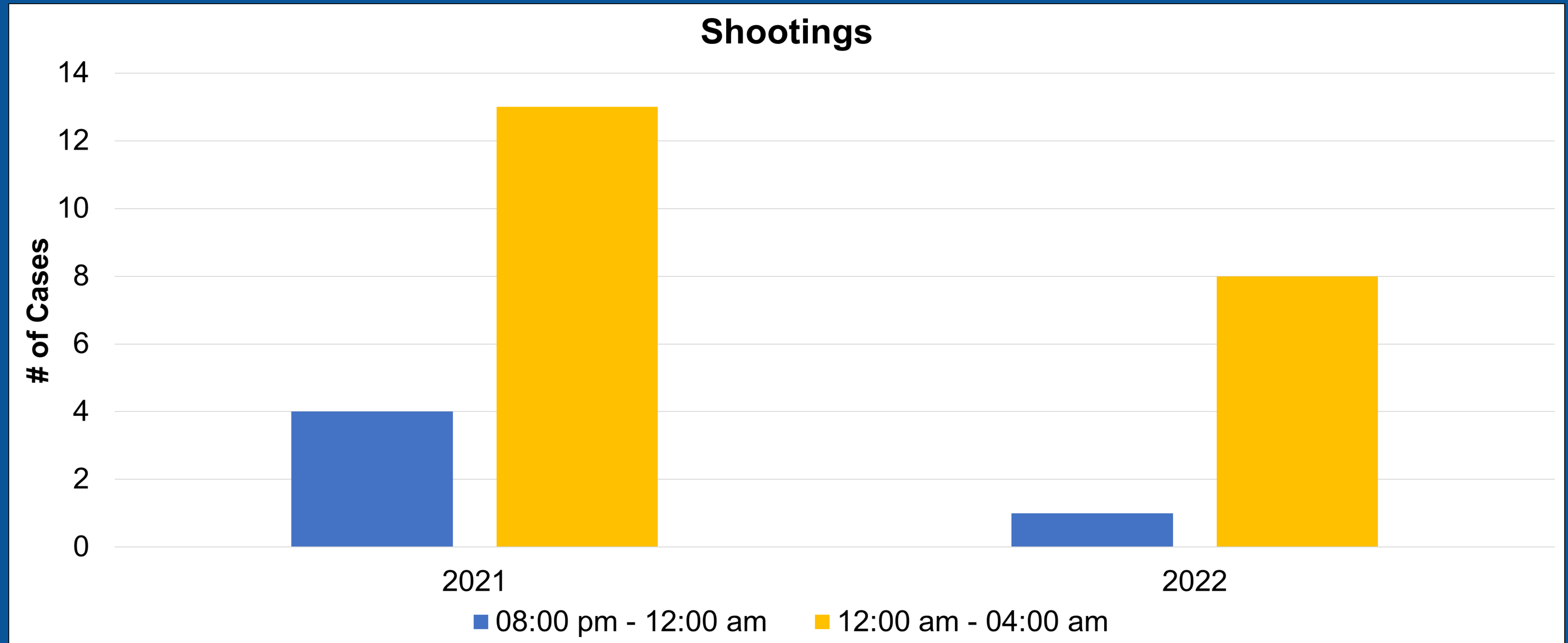
Total crime figures for 2021 and 2022 combined

Categories Included

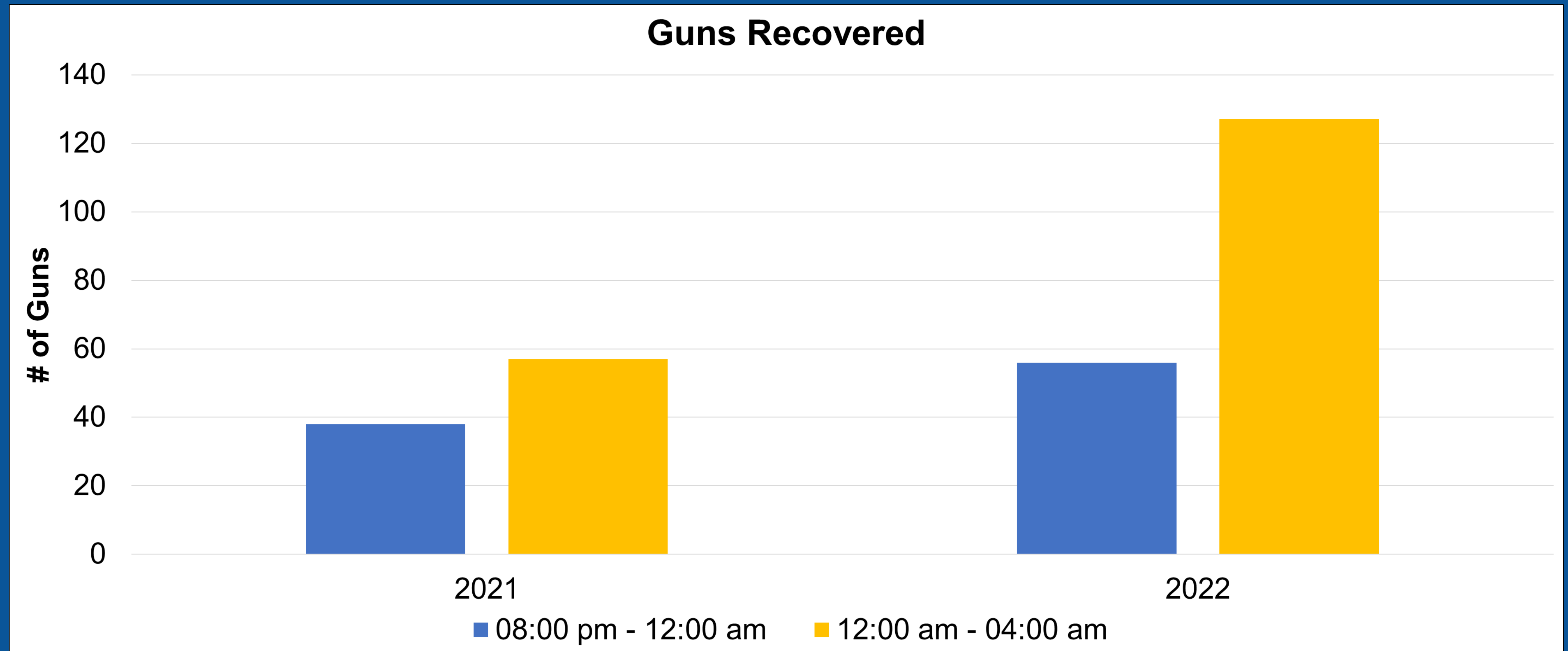
- Aggravated Assault
- Aggravated Battery
- Armed Robbery
- Assault
- Battery
- Battery on LEO/Firefighter
- City Ordinance Violation
- Criminal Mischief
- Drug Violation
- Grand Theft
- Misdemeanor Arrest
- Person Robbery
- Petit Theft
- Resisting Arrest W/O Violence
- Sexual Battery
- Shooting
- Suspicious Incident/Person
- Vehicle Burglary
- Warrant Arrest
- Weapons Violation



Shooting Offenses within the DEA



Guns Recovered in the DEA

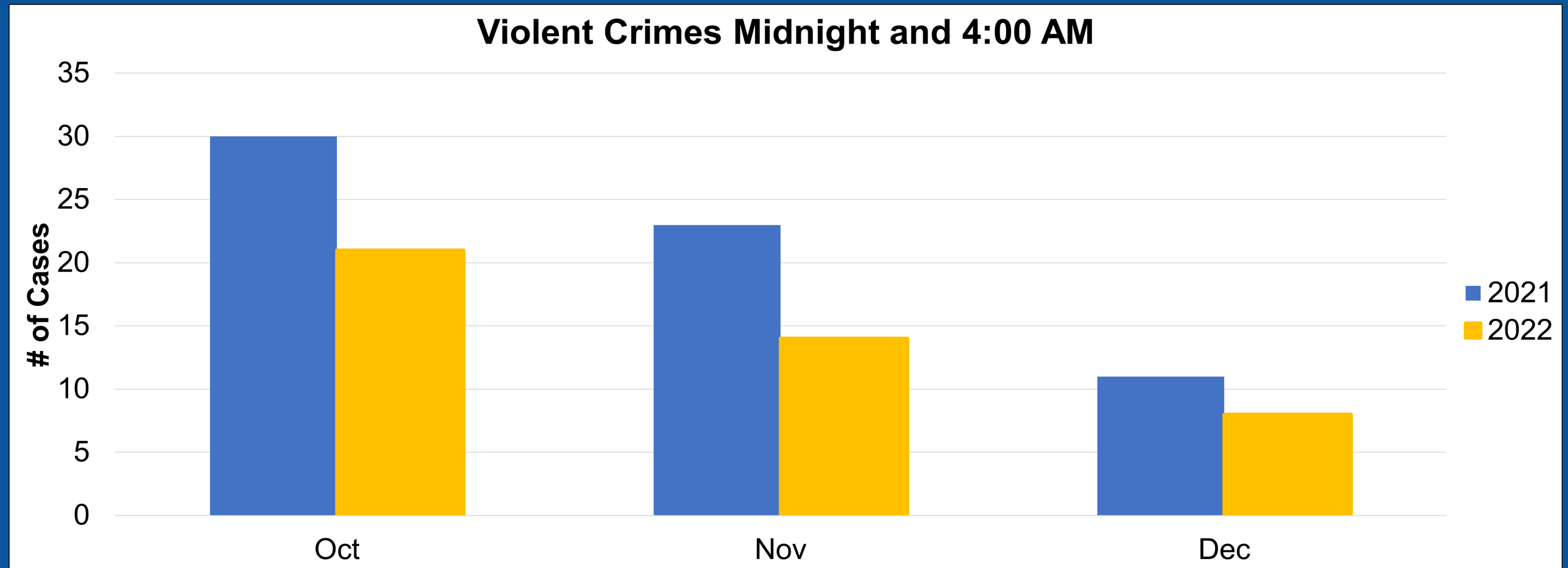


After Midnight Violent Crime in the DEA

To combat this trend, OPD has dedicated 30 officers to downtown beginning October 2022

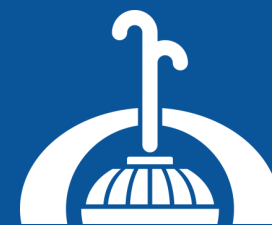


After Midnight Officer Surge



Surge

- In order to combat the rise in violent crime after midnight, OPD increased the number of officers dedicated to downtown to approximately 30 officers in October 2022
- This is in addition to the two bike patrol squads that are already assigned to downtown
- This surge of officers has resulted in a **70% reduction in crime**
- The surge itself is not sustainable:
 - The cost is approximately \$40,000 per weekend
 - Unable to justify that type of manpower allocated to a small portion of the city
- Our goal is to partner with our downtown stakeholders to reduce the need for the surge and improve the overall safety of downtown



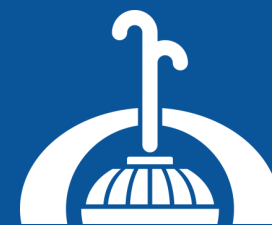
Alexander Karden

Chief Asst. City Attorney

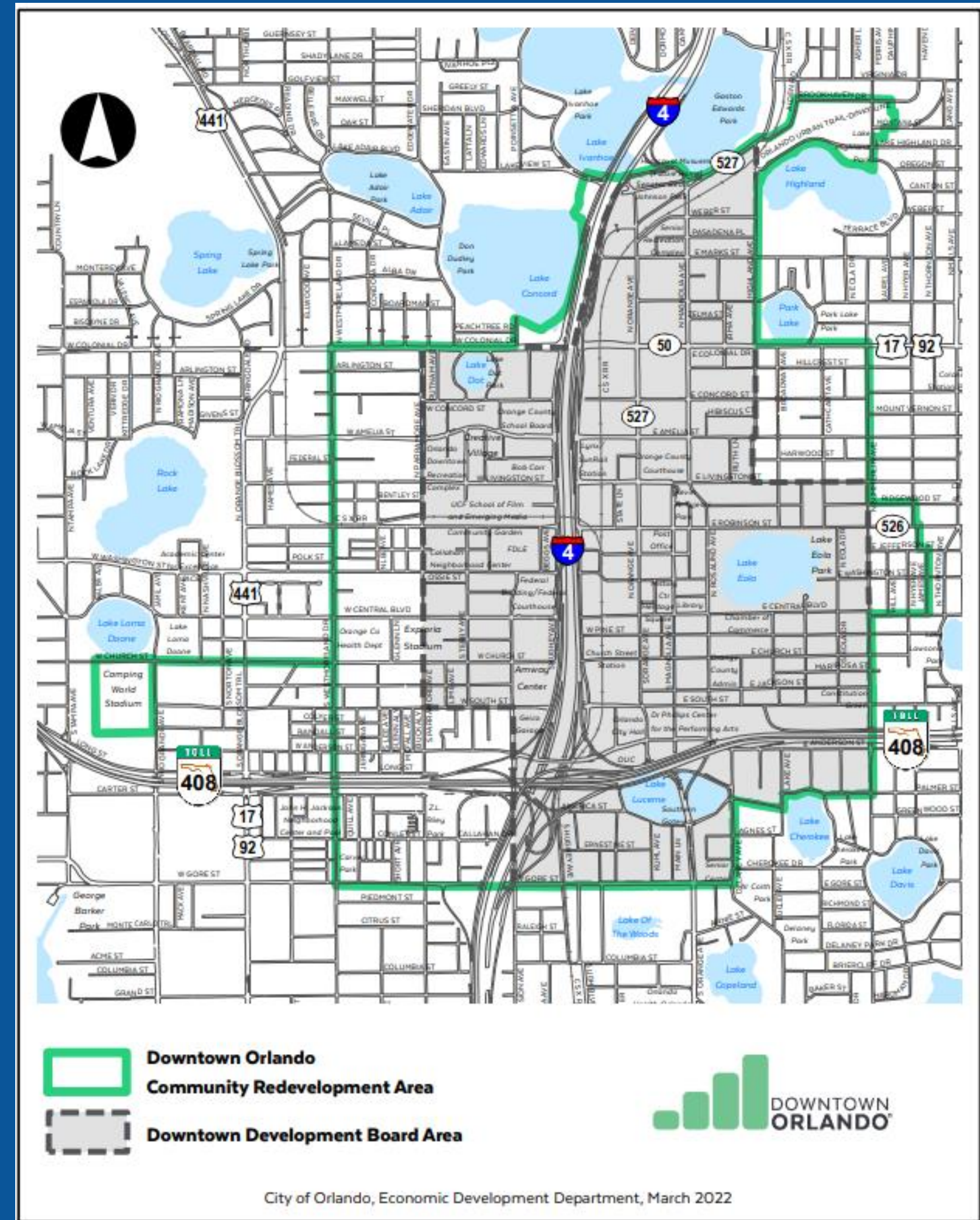


Nightclub Moratorium

- Temporary, six-month moratorium
- Proposed to go into effect on February 6th and would prohibit the opening of new nightclubs in the CRA.

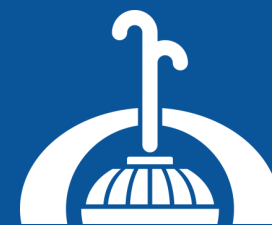


COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA



Nightclub Moratorium Timeline

- January 23, 2023
 - First Reading at City Council
- February 6, 2023
 - Second Reading/effective date if adopted
- August 6, 2023
 - Conclusion of six-month duration



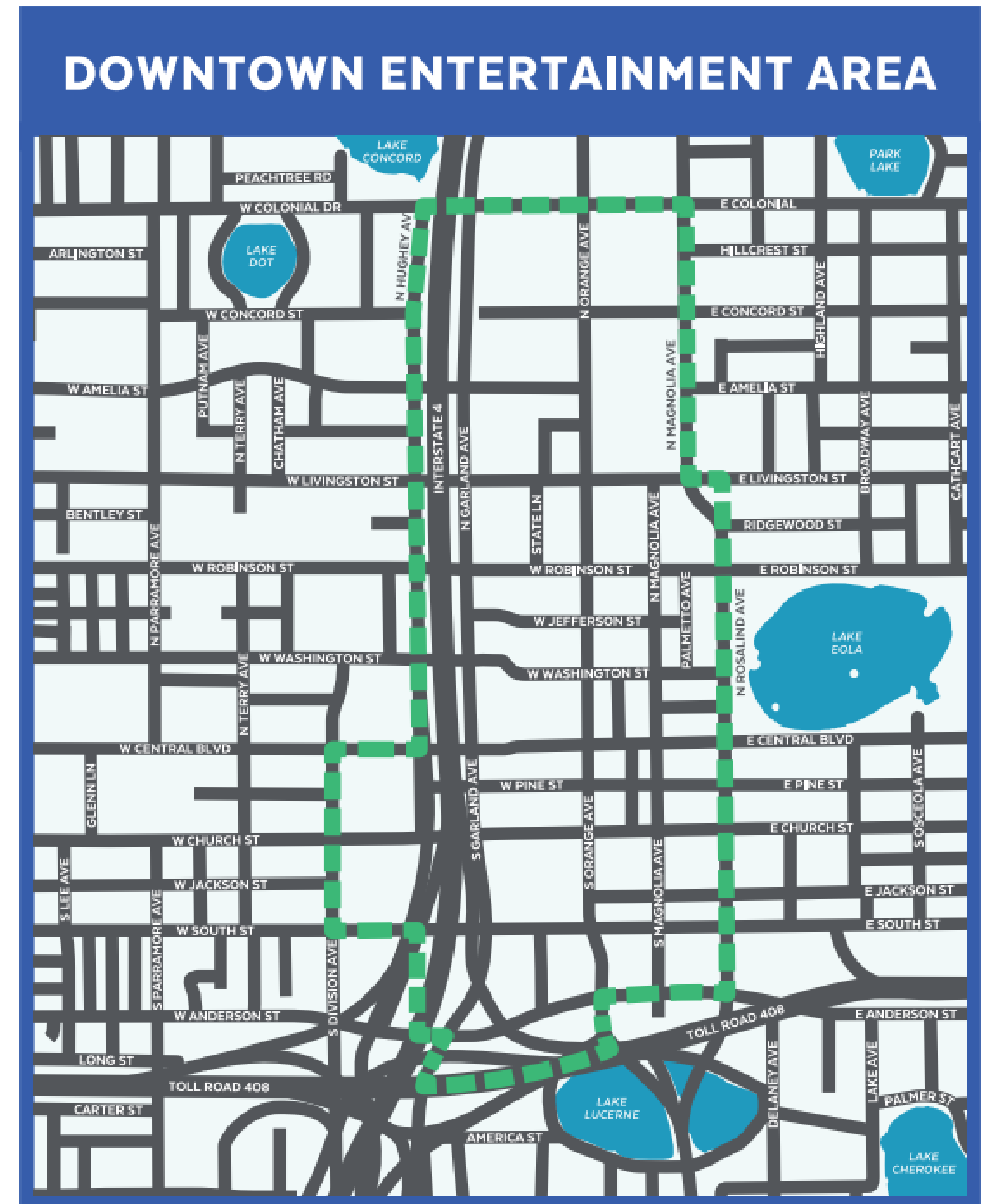
After Midnight Permit


OBJECTIVE

- Curtail violent crime within the DEA
- Balance the high demand on police resources, which are being disproportionally allocated to this one area of the city at a cost that is unsustainable.



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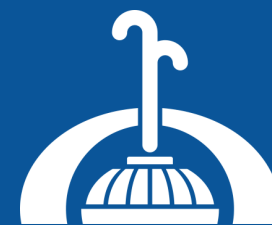
After Midnight Permit

- Changes the hours of sale of alcohol in the DEA to midnight for on-premises consumption
- A new After Midnight Permit allows for continued alcohol sales to 2:00 am



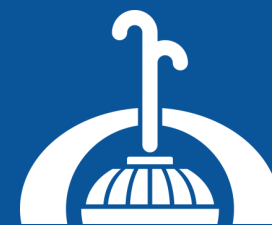
After Midnight Permit

- Permit
 - Application fee
 - Public safety measures
 - Suspension/revocation for multiple violations



APPLICATION

- Fee: \$250/year
- Basic information including:
 - Alcohol license type
 - Maximum occupancy
 - Hours of operation



PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES

- Police protection and private security
- Weapons detection systems (metal detectors)
- Identification scanners
- Occupancy load monitoring



EXTRA-DUTY LAW

ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENT

- Amount required based on license type, occupancy, traffic control, history of violent incidents, and other factors related to public safety
 - Initial amount set to minimum level
- Officers will be hired in the same manner as extra-duty
- Officers will be deployed by the Chief throughout the DEA



EXTRA-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENT

- Four levels of required extra-duty law enforcement officers based on maximum occupancy
- Initially only required for 4COP or other establishments operating on a full liquor (e.g., 11CT) license
- Will be required for other establishments if permit is suspended or revoked
- First 150 persons of occupancy is exempt unless permit has been suspended or revoked



After Midnight Permit

- Levels
 - 0-250 = 1 - 2 Officers
 - 251-500 = 2 - 4 Officers
 - 501-1000 = 3 - 6 Officers
 - 1001+ = 4 - 8 Officers
- All establishments begin at the low end of the range



After Midnight Permit

- Weapons Detection System
 - Requirements will be based on license type, occupancy, history of violent incidents, and other factors related to public safety
 - Requirement may be for walk through system, handheld wands, or no system
 - Used between 10:00 pm and 2:00 am
 - Must be able to detect firearms and knives four (4) inches in length or greater



After Midnight Permit

- Weapons Detection System
 - 4COP and all other full liquor (e.g., 11CT) establishments with occupancy of **50 persons** or greater must have walk-through system
 - All other full liquor establishments must have handheld system
 - Must reject anyone bringing in a firearm or other weapon unlawfully



After Midnight Permit

- Inside Security
 - Must be state licensed
 - Required to staff weapons detection systems
 - One state-licensed security officer per point of ingress
 - Must oversee weapons detection



After Midnight Permit

- Identification Scanners
 - 4COP and other full liquor (e.g., 4COP/SFS, 11CT) establishments must scan all patrons **entering between 10:00 pm and 2:00 am**
 - Must reject entry to anyone using a fake or duplicate ID



After Midnight Permit

- Occupancy Load Monitoring
 - Applies to all establishment types
 - Must employ an accurate system to monitor occupancy load in real-time
 - Count must be kept between 10:00 pm and 3:00 am
 - Count must be provided to city officials upon request



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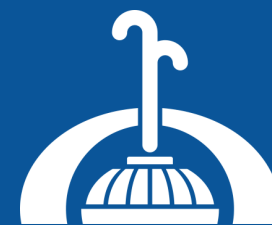
- SUSPENSION and REVOCATION of PERMIT
 - Permit can be suspended if the establishment is the site of a qualifying offense three (3) or more times within a consecutive three-month period
 - Longer suspension given if violations continue
 - Permit will be revoked if there are six (6) or more violations with a consecutive 12-month period



SUSPENSION and REVOCATION of PERMIT

Categories of Violations - Orlando City Code

- Chapter 24, Fire Prevention Code
- Chapter 33, Alcoholic Beverages
- Chapter 42, Noise
- Section 43.06, Disorderly Conduct
- Section 43.14, Indecent Conduct
- Section 43.39, Carrying Simulated Firearms



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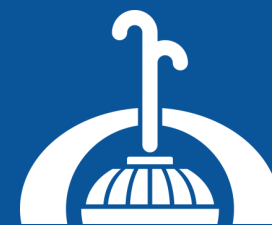
Categories of Violations – Florida Statutes

- Chapter 782, Homicide
- Chapter 784, Assault; Battery; Culpable Negligence
- Chapter 787, Kidnapping; Custody Offenses; Human Trafficking; and Related Offenses
- Chapter 790, Weapons and Firearms
- Chapter 794, Sexual Battery
- Chapter 796, Prostitution
- Chapter 800, Lewdness; Indecent Exposure
- Chapter 806, Arson & Criminal Mischief
- Chapter 812, Theft, Robbery and Related Crimes
- Chapter 817, Fraudulent Practices
- Chapter 823, Public Nuisances
- Chapter 870, Affrays; Riots; Routs; Unlawful Assembly
- Chapter 893, Drug Abuse Prevention and Control



Timeline

- January 23, 2023
 - First reading at City Council
- February 6, 2023
 - Second reading at City Council
 - Permit fee resolution at City Council
- May 1, 2023
 - After Midnight Alcohol Sales Permit goes into effect



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RESOURCES



SAFE PROGRAM

The S.A.F.E Program created an incentive for businesses and multi-family residential properties to purchase and install security measures that are intended to help deter crime and provide a safe environment for business owners, employees and visitors.

Businesses including but not limited to bars, nightclubs, entertainment venues, located within the CRA are eligible for funding to purchase and install security measures.



SAFE PROGRAM

Funding is based on budget availability and will be considered on a “first come, first served” basis.

Eligible improvements include:

- Security Cameras
- Metal Detectors
- Identification Scanners

For the duration of the program, applicants shall be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 or 80% of the total cost of eligible products, whichever is less.

As a bonus incentive, all applications received prior to May 1, 2023 are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 or 80% of the total cost of eligible products, whichever is less.

The total budget allocated is \$500,000.00



RESOURCES

- Representative at Discover Downtown to answer questions January 25 - 26 from 1 – 5 pm each day
- Webinar after 2nd read
- City code will be available on Orlando.gov

