

Press Statement from Chief Norman:

The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) presents our quarterly report out on crime data from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Under normal circumstances, the Mayor's Office and MPD would have presented the crime data via press conference. These, however, are not normal circumstances. MPD continues to mourn the tragic loss of Police Officer Kendall Corder, along with the planning and preparation to honor his sacrifice. Therefore, we are releasing the quarterly data to the public via this press statement.

Additionally, we would like to take some time to address the following. First and foremost, is the tragic and violent ambush that resulted in the death of one of our officers and significantly wounded another. Let's talk about this in real terms. A person in our community **killed** our officer and shot and wounded another. An utter and complete disregard for humanity, and complete lack of respect for the guardians of our community who took the oath to protect and serve. We cannot begin to fathom the pain in the hearts of his family and loved ones. Our hearts also go out to every department member as they grieve, yet still somehow find the courage and strength to go out and keep our community safe each and every day. In the wake of this tragedy the amount of community support MPD has received has been overwhelming, so thank you. We do ask that you continue to show our officers this level of support, not just in their time of grief, but every single day moving forward. Our officers respond to our community's most traumatic moments, all the while having to deal with their own personal trauma. As human beings let us all recognize that is not an easy lift.

As you can see from the data, overall Part I crime still trends in the right direction. We do acknowledge an increase in homicides. The majority of our homicides stem from poor conflict resolution, petty arguments, and interfamily conflict. We struggle to understand how interpersonal disagreements result in acts of violence, particularly involving youth.

A few weeks earlier, a teenage boy killed his sister. Murdered her with a gun, prompted by a family social media feud. Horrific as this seems, it gets worse. He didn't act alone. His mother and another sister participated in this conflict. All three were held accountable and criminally charged. However, there is a bigger issue. A teenager in our community killed his sister. An utter and

complete disregard for humanity, and complete disrespect for his own family. **What** are we teaching our children?

Weeks before that, a shootout happened at a food store. **FOUR** people were shot, one killed...by a 13 year old...a child. The person killed was also 13. Also just a child. All of this was prompted by a dispute over guns. Horrific as this seems, it gets worse as that 13 year old child was killed on a Friday and no one came forward to identify him over that weekend. In fact, we, the Milwaukee Police Department, had to track down a responsible adult to notify that this child was killed. **Who** is raising our children?

There are real lives behind the crime data numbers. As a police department, our number one job is public safety to respond when harm is caused, and to investigate and bring those responsible for harm to the justice system. We do our best to go above and beyond by engaging with youth, mentoring, and working with community partners to give young ones in our community positive outlets. But we can only do so much.

We close by asking **how** do we teach our children? How do we teach our children that human life is sacred?

MPD asks **how** we as a community get into the hearts and minds of those who place more value on petty arguments and violence than on the value of human life. We must all work together to figure out solutions to this dilemma.