

MHRC NEWS

Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission

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Monthly Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Report

The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission publishes a series of reports available to the public on our website (www.city.milwaukee.gov/hrc). The latest addition to this series is a monthly snapshot report on homicide and non-fatal shooting incidents that occurred in the city of Milwaukee.

The report, presented in an illustrated format, chronicles incidents by age, sex, race, primary factor and cause. Statistics are also provided outlining the criminal arrest history of all victims.

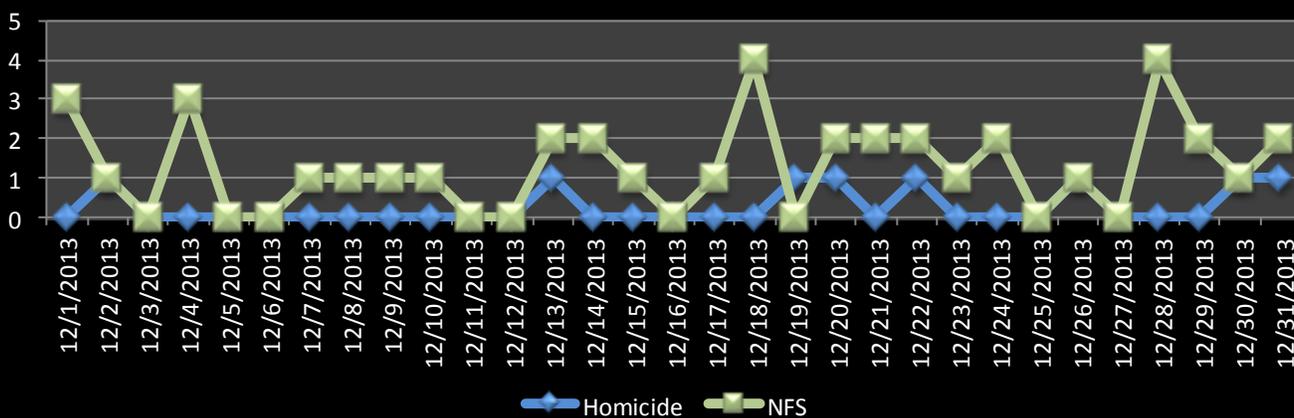
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Monitoring the trends

Each month, the HRC captures both Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting statistics to monitor trends in violent activity.

30 Day Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Trend



The above trend analysis depicts daily violent crime during the month of December 2013



77% of 2013 Homicides were committed with a firearm

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Personnel Changes

The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Danny Henken to the position of Research Analyst.

Danny recently completed his undergraduate work in Statistics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and comes to us with extensive volunteer experience in the criminal justice area.

As one of his first projects, Danny completed an analysis of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting victim criminal histories. He presented his findings at the December Executive Committee meeting at Hillside.

Danny replaces Nicole Robinson who has moved on.

2013 Non-Fatal Shooting Incidents Accelerate

The city of Milwaukee experienced an unusually high number of non-fatal shootings in the second half of 2013, particularly in the months of August and September.

After a decline of nearly 5% in the first half of 2013, August registered the highest number of non-fatal shootings in over seven years.

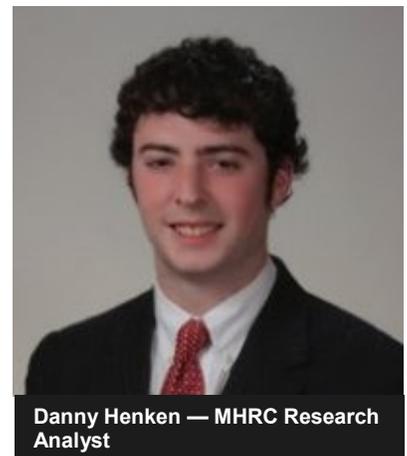
The majority of these crimes were committed in District Five (31%) followed by District 3 (23%) and District 7 (21%). Overall, 75% of all reported non-fatal shooting incidents occurred in these districts.

Victim Data—Major Findings

The majority, (69%) of Homicide victims were black males, similarly, (76%) of victims in Non-Fatal Shooting incidents were also black males

2013 Homicide Victims			
Race	Female	Male	Total
Black	13	71	84
Hispanic	2	10	12
White	3	7	10

2013 Non-Fatal Shooting Victims			
Race	Female	Male	Total
Asian	1	0	1
Black	57	406	464
Hispanic	3	36	40
White	5	22	27



Danny Henken — MHRC Research Analyst

MHRC Police Aide Edwin Ayala-Reyes has taken a leave of absence from the Milwaukee Police Department to enlist in the U.S. Air Force.

PA Ayala-Reyes left for basic training on December 17, 2013.

What is a Homicide Review

A Homicide Review combines crime incident reviews into one multi-disciplinary process. Stakeholders from multiple sectors come together to discuss homicides and identify opportunities for prevention, intervention, and suppression of future crimes.

Homicide Review members look for strengths, gaps, and weaknesses in criminal justice and social service policies and systems. At the crux of any homicide review is the belief that homicides can be reduced through inter-agency problem solving and data sharing. The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, the lead training agency for this grant, has held homicide reviews since 2005.



Homicide Review Training

National Homicide Review Training

Under contract with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS), the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission provides training and technical assistance to police departments and other criminal justice professionals in urban districts. This year, MHRC has scheduled three training sessions to be held in Milwaukee during 2014.

Three, two-day sessions scheduled.

Two-day training sessions will be held on May 20-21st, September 16-17th and October 21-22nd and will focus on building the capacity of local jurisdictions to prevent homicides and related events using the "Homicide Review" prevention model.

COPS funds are used to pre-pay or reimburse most participant expenses. There are no training or registration fees, lodging costs or ground transportation costs. We recommend that Inspectors, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Police Officers and other staff (i.e., researchers, Fusion Center staff) working on homicides, sensitive crimes (including domestic violence) and shootings attend the training.

For more information on how to apply for this training or future sessions, please contact the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission at 414-935-7985 or e-mail Pamela Koleas as pkolea@milwaukee.gov.



HISTORY

Established in January of 2005, the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission is a central component to the City of Milwaukee's violence prevention efforts. Drawing on public health and criminal justice approaches, it was designed to gain a better understanding of homicide through strategic problem analysis, innovative response and prevention strategies, and focus on prevention and intervention resources.

Under the auspices of the Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, former Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty, and former Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann, the Commission is charged with tackling violent crime.

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Dr. Mallory O'Brien has led the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission since July 2004.

Dr. O'Brien is trained as an epidemiologist and has worked in the field of violent injury prevention for nearly 20 years. In 1994 she began her work developing, implementing and evaluating the Firearm Injury Reporting System, a regional tracking system for firearm deaths, at the Medical College of Wisconsin. From 2001 through 2007 she served as the Associate Director of the National Violent Injury Statistics System at Harvard University's Injury Control Research Center.

Dr. O'Brien has also served as a consultant to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Violent Death Reporting System. She is currently a member of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Taskforce for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Advisory Committee of the Safe Streets Initiative and the Wisconsin Attorney General's Crime Victim Council.

Dr. O'Brien is a researcher with the Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy at Duke University and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Marquette University.