

Addenda #21 – September 2026

President Trump fights back against the Left's Revolution

Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force Marks One Year of Relentless Action Against Violent Crime

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WASHINGTON - One year ago, on August 11, 2025, the Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force launched with a single mission: take violent criminals off the streets of the nation's capital. One year later, the results speak for themselves.

The numbers are staggering with over 16,000 arrests:

- ***35 homicide suspects apprehended***
- ***More than 100 known gang members taken off the streets***
- ***Over 3,200 narcotics arrests***
- ***Nearly 2000 illegal firearms seized***
- ***25 missing children located and returned home***

Did Trump's DC Takeover Cut Crime? What One Year of Data Shows

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... this effort has led, according to the administration, to a historic reduction in crime—a correlation analysts acknowledge, even as some remain doubtful that Trump's intervention deserves the credit.

“One year ago, an unprecedented federal intervention brought national attention to DC's lack of statehood and autonomy,” the Democratic mayor said. “At the time, we were in the midst of driving down crime to a 30-year low following a post-COVID crime spike.”

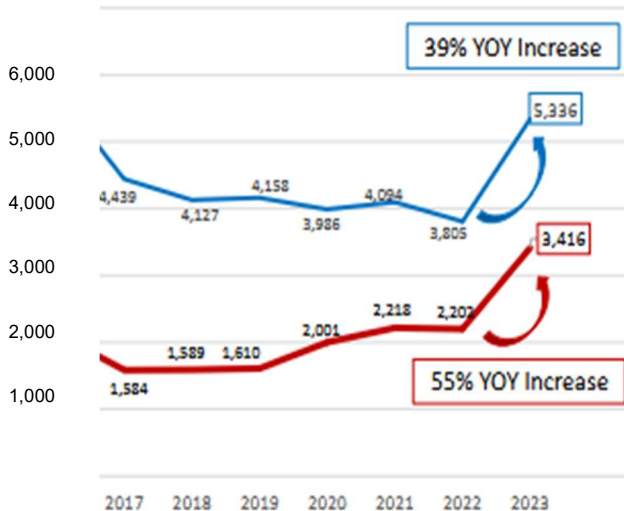
Washington D.C.'s City Council passed a fiscal year budget for 2021 that cut \$32 million from the Metropolitan Police Department, redirecting funding to social service programs. Opponents of the cuts warned that this could drive violent crime higher. The cuts followed the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests across the country, including Washington DC. The nation's capital saw twenty-six days and nights of demonstrations, resulting in extensive damage to the city and the arrest of more than 400 people. Estimates of the vandalization of federal buildings and national monuments, and looting of local businesses exceeded \$1 million during the “mostly peaceful” protests. ^{1,2} Twenty-six consecutive nights of arson and looting also resulted in lost business and layoffs for small businesses already suffering from COVID pandemic shutdowns, including many businesses run by and employing Blacks.

Mayor Muriel Bowser rewarded protestors intent on destroying her city, by ordering the renaming and painting of a section of 16th Street as “Black Lives Matter Plaza.” Instead of condemning the violence against their constituents, D.C. Council members pushed back against the deployment of D.C. National Guard troops to stop nightly rioting.

A Clear and Present Danger – Threat #1: Progressive Democrat Marxism

The City Council responded by cutting another \$23.3 million from the Metropolitan Police Department in FY2022. The “Post-COVID crime spike” didn’t just happen, it was brought on by the actions of the Democrat led D.C. City Council, which was more interested in implementing an agenda of social justice than protecting their constituents. Opponents of both the FY2021 and 2022 budget cuts warned the move could drive crime higher. ^{3, 4}

Violent Crime by Year



Homicides by Year



Source: DC.gov, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council ⁵

Note that after reaching a 21 year low of 88 homicides in 2012, the number of murders climbed 211%, to a rate not seen since 1998. Violent crime, which had been in a 10 year down trend, also spiked 55% in the years after the City Council effectively defunded the police department. By 2023, the number of officers in the Metropolitan Police Department shrank to 3,100, a 50 year low. Budget cuts implemented by the Democrat controlled D.C. City Council had the intended effect of reducing the number of police officers on city streets and convincing those considering serving their communities as law enforcement officers that DC was *not* the place to pursue that career. The Council's decision to reduce sentences for criminal offenses in order to “reduce racial disparities” in the criminal justice system also had the unintended (??) effect of increasing violent crime in DC. ⁶

A Federal Department of Justice investigation later learned that the Metropolitan Police Department routinely manipulated crime statistics in an effort to make it appear that the city was safer than it actually was. In May 2026, thirteen members of the Metro Police force were placed on administrative leave and faced possible termination over the allegations. Metro Police Chief Pamela A. Smith was forced to resign after the investigation showed she pressured and directed commanders to manipulate crime data in order to maintain the appearance of low crime in the nation’s capital. ^{7, 8}

Note: Smith, who served 23 years in the United States Park Police, joined the DC Metro Police Department in 2022 as its chief equity officer. Smith was promoted in the press as “the first African American female to serve as chief of police. Appointed to the role by Mayor Muriel Bowser, Smith declared her commitment to fair and equal treatment for all communities, including the LGBTQ community. Smith was obviously a DEI hire who checked multiple boxes. Mayor Bowser called the oversight report a “politically motivated rush to judgement,” the typical response Democrats give in defending outcomes like this.

On August 11, 2025, President Trump declared a “Crime Emergency” in the nations capital, “... rising violence in the capital now urgently endangers public servants, citizens, and tourists, disrupts safe and secure transportation and the proper functioning of the Federal Government, and forces the diversion of critical public resources toward emergency response and security measures. The city government’s failure to maintain public order and safety has had a dire impact on the Federal Government’s ability to operate efficiently to address the Nation’s broader interests without fear of our workers being subjected to rampant violence.” ⁹

1 YEAR LATER: Trump’s DC crime crackdown nets staggering 16K arrests

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Since Aug. 11, 2025, the Make D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force has brought together federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, along with the National Guard, to target violent crime across D.C.

According to the U.S. Marshals Service, the task force has made more than 16,000 arrests during its first year, including 35 homicide suspects, more than 100 known gang members and more than 3,200 people on narcotics charges.

Officials also reported seizing nearly 2,000 illegal firearms and locating 25 missing children who were returned home.

One year after the crackdown began, the number of carjackings fell 63%, motor vehicle theft fell 54%, larceny fell 18% and sexual assaults were down 10% Even better, the number of homicides reported, 127, was down 41% from the previous year. ¹⁰ Amazingly, despite the number of violent criminals being taken off the streets in their neighborhoods, DC residents are divided over having federal law enforcement forces in their city, with some residents crediting the law enforcement presence for increased safety and peace of mind, while others say “they feel threatened” by the police presence. “When I saw the police presence, I felt threatened here in this neighborhood,” said Juan. Of course, Juan then identified himself as a member of the LGBTQ community and his is a response which he has been conditioned to give by LGBTQ activists and media. A more rational response came from a woman who said she is comfortable with the presence of law enforcement. “People are scared to come outside. Your kids can’t play outside,” said another resident, who also called for juveniles to be prosecuted as adults. “Right now they’re getting a slap on the wrist... They need to be locked up. Because as long as they keep letting them out, they’re going to keep stealing cars, they’re going to keep robbing stores.” ¹¹ These comments just go to show the rational mind of normal people who just want to live in peace, verses the irrational minds of the useful idiots that have been brainwashed by the left.

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