

SafeTO:

Toronto's **Ten-Year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

Toronto Police Service Board Meeting, Thursday June 22, 2023

- **Update on the SafeTO implementation**
- **SafeTO Collaborative Analytics and Learning Environment (SCALE)**
- **Gun Violence Reduction**

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July 2021



Background

SafeTO is a **comprehensive plan** that requires a fundamental shift in thinking and acting to achieve transformative change.

SafeTO provides a **roadmap** for how the City and social systems that serve Torontonians, such as community services, healthcare systems, education systems, justice systems, police and business, can **work collaboratively across different sectors and across governments** to support community safety and well-being.

SafeTO will drive **26 priority actions** across **seven strategic goals** over the next 10 years and is being led by the City's **Social Development Finance and Administration Division**.

At its November 6, 2021 meeting, **Toronto Police Services Board** [endorsed, adopted](#) and committed to continued engagement and involvement in the implementation of SafeTO.

[SafeTO Creative Report](#)
[SafeTO Goals and Actions](#)
[SafeTO Implementation Plan](#)

SafeTO

Phase One Implementation

The City of Toronto's Social Development Finance and Administration Division (SDFAD) drives SafeTO Implementation in partnership with Toronto Police Service and other sector partners.



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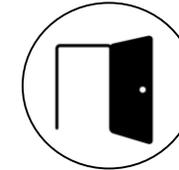
Embed the Community Crisis Support Service as a Well-Resourced, First Response Service City-Wide



**Toronto
Community
Crisis Service**

**ACTION
2.1**

Develop a Comprehensive Multi-Sector Gun Violence Reduction Plan



**Toronto Office to
Prevent Gun Violence**

**ACTION
2.3**

Strengthen Community Crisis Response Protocols to Better Support Victims and Communities Impacted by Violence



**Community Crisis
Response Program**

**ACTION
7.1**

Develop a Comprehensive Strategy to Share, Integrate and Analyze Data Across Multiple Institutions

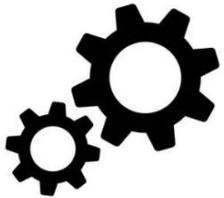


**SafeTO Collaborative Analytics &
Learning Environment (SCALE)**

SafeTO Collaborative Analytics and Learning Environment (SCALE)



- A trusted collaborative partner positioned amongst multiple public sector entities to co-ordinate analytics activities for SafeTO



- Co-develop technology solutions, especially related to the safe data storage, empowered by different approved legislation, policies and strategies



- Support and lead advanced data analysis including geospatial analysis using cross-organizational sources.



- Increase situational awareness of what is happening in community and support intervention planning and provide positive public impact.
- Reporting, Data Insights and Story Telling
- Build community capacity to action data

Current Projects

- SafeTO indicator Framework
- Statistics Canada Data Infrastructure Pilot
- Gun Violence Data linkage and Real-time Mobilization
- TCHC Neighbourhood Classification
- TCCS Evaluation and Data Linkage
- TTC Safety Plan Analysis

Who is Involved?

- **City of Toronto – Social Development Division is Secretariat**
- **Toronto Public Health**
- **Toronto Police Service**
- **Toronto Community Housing**
- **Population Health Analytics Lab – Dalla Lana School of Public Health**
- **Statistics Canada**
- **Community Partners**

Current as of
May 31, 2023

Shooting and Firearm Discharges 2022-2023 YTD Comparison

	Total Shootings & Firearms Discharges	Total YTD Change	Firearm Discharges	Persons Injured/Killed	YTD Change	Persons Killed	YTD Change	Persons Injured	YTD Change
2023	111	-33.5%	67	44	-31.3%	7	-61.1%	37	-19.6%
2022	167		103	64		18		46	



2023 Shootings & Firearm Discharges decreased by **33.5%** compared to the same period in 2022.



Persons Injured/Killed decreased by **31.3%** compared to the same period in 2022.



Persons Killed decreased by **61.1%** compared to the same period in 2022.



Persons Injured decreased by **19.6%** compared to the same period in 2022.

* A firearm discharge is defined as any incident where a witness/complainant reports the sound of guns shots, and evidence has been found to substantiate that a firearm discharge has occurred (eg. Spent casings, bullet holes, etc). A shooting is defined as an incident where a victim has sustained a gun shot wound.

Homicides 2022-2023 YTD Comparison

	Number	YTD Change
2023	22	-18.5%
2022	27	



2023 Homicides decreased by **18.5%** compared to the same period in 2022.

Shooting Homicides 2022-2023 YTD Comparison

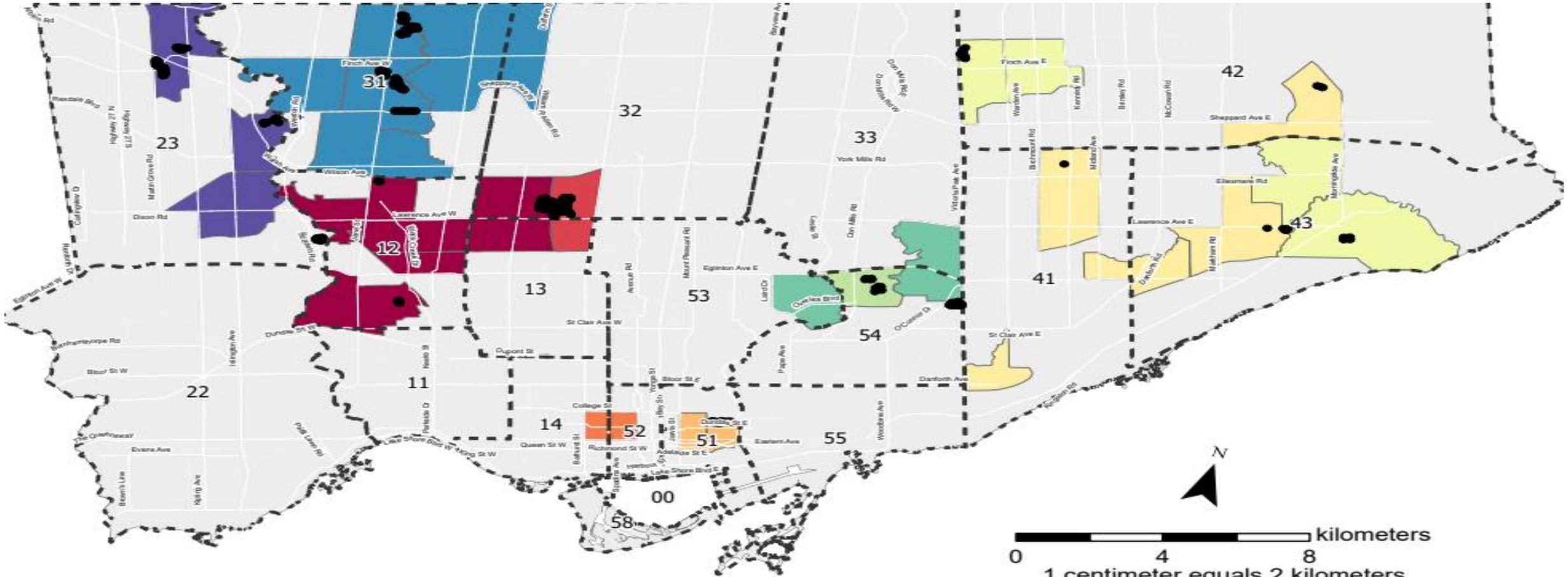
	Number	YTD Change
2023	7	-63.2%
2022	19	



2023 **Shooting** Homicides decreased by **63.2%** compared to the same period in 2022.

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Gun Violence Reduction Plan Neighbourhood Priorities and Zones



- Summer Safety Neighbourhood**
- Zone 1
 - Zone 2
 - Zone 3
 - Zone 3*
 - Zone 4
 - Zone 4*
 - Zone 5
 - Zone 5*
 - Zone 6
 - Zone 6*
 - Consolidated TCHC Chronic Gun Violence
 - Police Division

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Multi-sector Gun Violence Reduction Plan

Interim Structure

Executive Leadership Table

- Mobilizes institutional resources and partnerships
- Triage barriers and challenges related to community violence and takes immediate action on staff recommendations
- Supports systemic and long-term solutions between institutional partners to address critical gaps.

Institutional Safety Leads and Executive Leadership from City of Toronto, TPS, TPH, TCHC, TTC, TDSB, TCDSB, MCCSS, SOLGEN, MAG

Steering Committee

- Oversees Implementation and mobilizes appropriate resources
- Leverages institutional partnerships
- Supports the EST in further escalating and resolving high-priority safety risks and needs
- Ensures accountability of partners

Senior staff from City of Toronto, TPS, TPH, TCHC, TTC, TDSB, TCDSB, MCCSS, SOLGEN, MAG

Escalation Support Team (EST)

- To support staff (ISCT) in resolving high-priority safety risks and challenges

Supervisors or appropriate representation of partners

Integrated Safety Coordination Team (ISCT)

Mobilize institutional resources to

- Provide relevant information that may have critical impact on the identified community; to support the development and action collaborative strategies to mitigate risk and impact of violence
- Build local capacity by working with local safety networks, community groups and resident leaders to amplify their efforts to reduce gun violence
- To debrief and assess potential risks and challenges presented; to support development and action collaborative strategies to mitigate risk and impact of violence.

Designated staff from partners
TPS
CCRP
TCHC – CSA, CSU, VRP
TTC – Special Constables
TDSB/TCDSB – Safe and Caring
SOLGEN – TAGGU, MCCSS and MAG

Local Community Planning and Engagement Structures

SCALE

- To conduct cross-sector data analysis of places and populations impacted by gun violence, monitor and evaluate efforts

Institutional Data Leads from City of Toronto, TPS, TPH, TCHC, and others as required



Toronto Community Housing



Integrated Safety Coordination Teams (ISCT)

- Membership of ISCT team includes multi sector partners that work to enhance collaboration across 6 zones to mobilize real-time safety challenges and plan prevention strategies.
- Toronto Police Service deploys local divisional Detective Sergeants, utilizes Neighbourhood Community Officers and leverages relevant support units including the Community Partnerships and Engagement Unit (CPEU), Centralized Shooting Response Teams (CSRT), Public Safety Response Teams (PSRT) and the Toronto Police Operations Centre (TPOC) as required to support the teams.
- A robust weekend coverage facilitates effective real time communication.
- A tracking tool has been developed to track ISCT conversations.
- ISCT's supported over 62 meetings/events/initiatives from July 2022 – May 17, 2023 and collectively responded to all gun violence incidents including school-based incidents.



Toronto Community Housing



Gun Violence YTD 2022-2023 Priority Zones

Priority Zone	2019	2020	% chg 2019-20	2021	% chg 2020-21	2022	% chg 2021-22	2023	% chg 2022-23
Outside Priority Zone	80	79	-1.30%	79	0.00%	92	16.50%	74	-19.60%
Priority Zone 1	15	25	66.70%	20	-20.00%	23	15.00%	9	-60.90%
Priority Zone 2	7	9	28.60%	12	33.30%	9	-25.00%	4	-55.60%
Priority Zone 3	21	12	-42.90%	17	41.70%	10	-41.20%	8	-20.00%
Priority Zone 4	3	6	100.00%	2	-66.70%	11	450.00%	1	-90.90%
Priority Zone 5	17	30	76.50%	10	-66.70%	19	90.00%	11	-42.10%
Priority Zone 6	5	18	260.00%		-100.00%	3	0.00%	4	33.30%
Total	148	179	20.9%	140	-21.8%	167	19.3%	111	-33.5%



66.6% of Shootings and Firearm Discharges occurred **outside** of Priority Zones, compared to 2022.



Most Priority Zones have experienced **decreases** in Shootings and Firearm Discharges in 2023.

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Toronto Office to Prevent Gun Violence

Apply an All of System Approach to the Coordination of Gun and Gang Violence Prevention, Intervention Response and Recovery

Systematically integrate investments to reduce gun violence

Empower Locally Driven Community-Based Violence Intervention

Prioritize Data, Advanced Analytics and Insights to Inform Operations and Decision Making

Effective Communication

Toronto Office to Prevent Gun Violence

Multi-sector Approach

- Executive Leadership Table
- Steering Committee
- City backbone infrastructure
- Dedicated Multi-sector Staff
- Embedded Community Partners
- Lived Experience Advisory Committee
- Funded Youth Violence Prevention Programs
- Networks and Partnerships

Key Updates

- Multi-sector Work Plan
- Staffing and Infrastructure
- Collaborative Analytics and Learning
- Community Engagement
- Interventions

Toronto Police Service Update

- Job Description Co-Developed with the City
- TPS Officer identified
- Information Sharing, Communication Planning
- Ongoing Work Planning to support design and implementation

Strengthening School and Community Safety & Well-being

- There is an opportunity to build on existing relationships.
- Strengthen operational real time connectivity between TPS, TDSB, TCDSB and City partners.
- Participation on the TDSB School Community Safety & Well-being Expert Panel.
- A virtual School Summit meeting was held on May 12, 2023 with over 355 participants from multi sector partners.
- Through the Multi-Sector Gun Violence Reduction Steering Committee an in person session is planned for August 2023.

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