



TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION


Budget Hearing

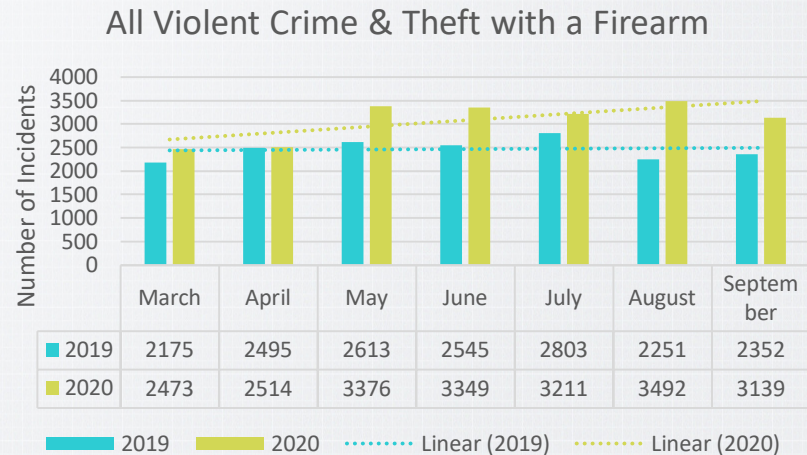
11/13/2020

Impact Of COVID 19 On Customers

- TIBRS trends

- Compared to 2019, all violent crime and theft has decreased by approximately 8.4%
- Our concern is the increase in violent crime with a firearm

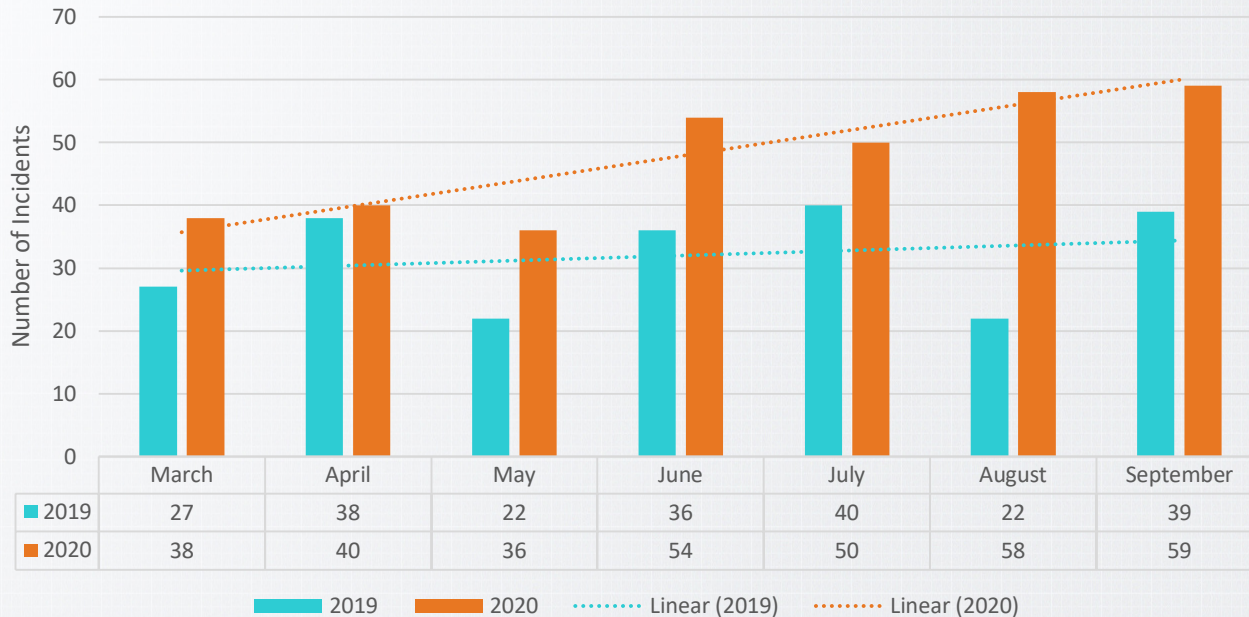
 25% increase



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Murder with a Firearm

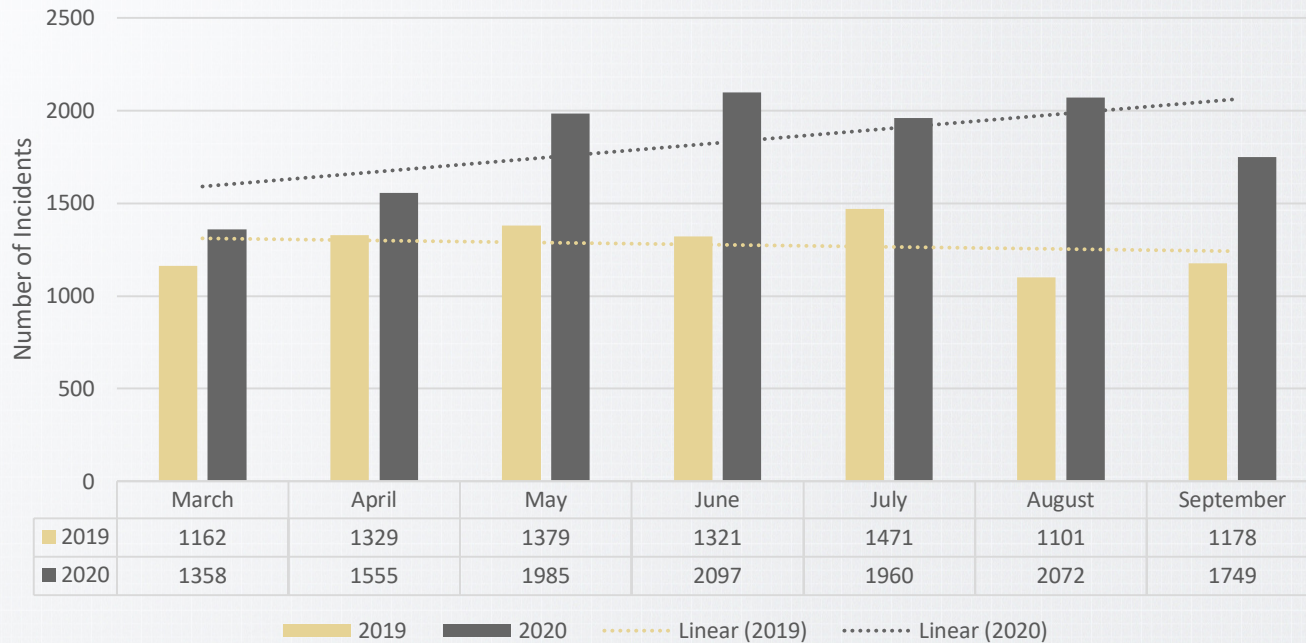
↑ 49.6% increase



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Aggravated Assault with a Firearm

 43% increase



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- Investigations overall within CID (Field Unit) decreased slightly during the lockdown but have begun to increase to pre-COVID trends. If projections hold, CID (Field Unit) plans to see a 6.3% increase in cases even with the slow down during COVID compared to 2019 case numbers.
- Certain types of investigations continued to increase despite COVID
 - In-custody death investigations are projected to increase by 25% from 2019 to 2020
 - Mental wellness and health issues due to COVID 19 have compounded pre-existing issues
 - Internal study by TBI has found evidence that during the time of the pandemic in 2020 (beginning March 13) there have been 32 officer-involved shooting investigations conducted by TBI CID. Of these 32 there is reason to believe that 56% of these incidents were potentially "suicide by cop".
 - CyberTips (online child exploitation leads) surged to over 210% of 2019 levels in March. The average increase has dropped somewhat since then, but we are still at a 72%+ increase in CyberTips from March 1, 2020 to October 29, 2020 compared to the same time period in 2019
- TBI's Crime Lab saw a reduction in evidence submissions during the initial peak of COVID 19 but the caseload has since returned to pre-COVID levels
 - Challenge of in-person trials

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- Services
 - Services are still being provided to LE customers and victims of crimes with the same willingness to that prior to the pandemic
 - TBI virtualized the Fusion Center using Microsoft Teams and other tools, and have sustained operations. From March 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020, CIU has vetted 2921 tips and leads, referring 478 to law enforcement, has generated 2 situational awareness products, and has completed 11,813 requests for service
 - CIU also virtualized live AMBER Alert training and trained 269 individuals from the law enforcement community entirely online
 - The Crime Lab continues operations using a hybrid model of in-person lab work, shift work, and AWS to maintain services while maximizing safety of employees.
- Challenges
 - LE partners have sometimes been forced to rely more heavily on TBI for investigations due to COVID exposures within their departments
 - Court systems ability to conduct in-person trials. Greater emphasis on virtual testimony may be necessary to prevent the lab backlog from growing exponentially
- Issues
 - FlexCheck

FY21 Vacancy Reductions

1

- Technology and Innovation Division

3

- Criminal Justice Information Services Division

4

- **Total Positions**

\$195,600

- **Total State Savings**

Reduction Plans

\$1,500,000

- Maximize Virtual Training Resources

\$1,500,000

- Total State Savings

FY22 Proposed 2% Savings Plan

\$1,080,400

- Abolish Filled Assistant Special Agents in Charge (6 FT)

\$1,080,400

- **Total State Savings**

\$1,080,400

- **Target State Savings (2%)**

Summary of Cost Increases

	Increase	Total	State	Federal	Other	Pos
1.	Reinstate Vacancy Positions	\$195,600	\$195,600	\$0	\$0	4
2.	Field Agents	5,535,000	5,535,000	0	0	25
3.	AFIS Upgrade	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	0	0
4.	Administrative Positions	435,000	435,000	0	0	6
5.	Uniformed Officer	190,200	190,200	0	0	1
6.	Digital Transformation	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	0	0
7.	Fix Compression and Pay Scale Issues	5,109,400	5,109,400	0	0	0
	Total Cost Increases	\$18,765,200	\$18,765,200	\$0	\$0	36



THANK YOU