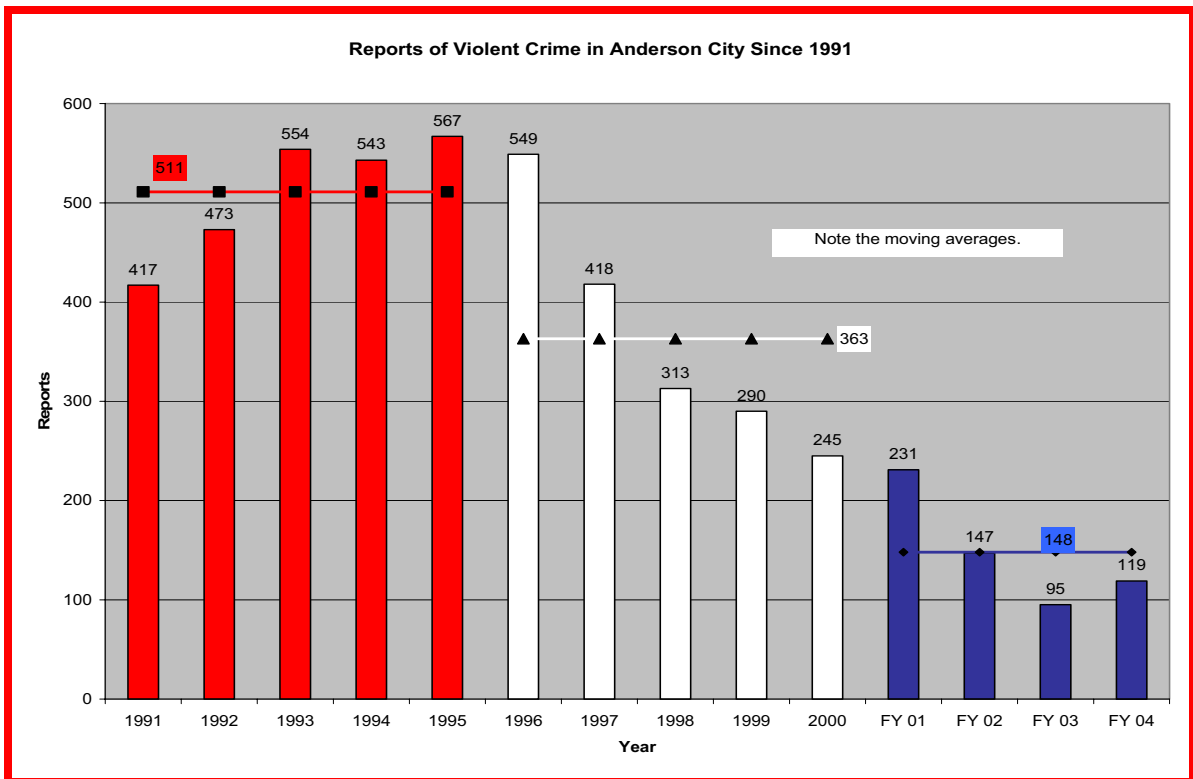


**Problem Statement**

In the early to mid-nineties violent crime peaked in the City of Anderson, South Carolina. In 1992 and 1993 the city had nine murders each year. With 567 violent crime reports, 1995 was the worst year on record for reported violent crime. In 1996 the department became eligible and applied for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. In early 1997 the department concluded the prerequisites for that type of federal funding and began a grant funded program designed to decrease the city’s violent crime rate. Since 1997, mainly due to the aggressive management of these federal grant funds, the City of Anderson has realized significant decreases in violent crime.

**Needs Analysis and Program Activities.**

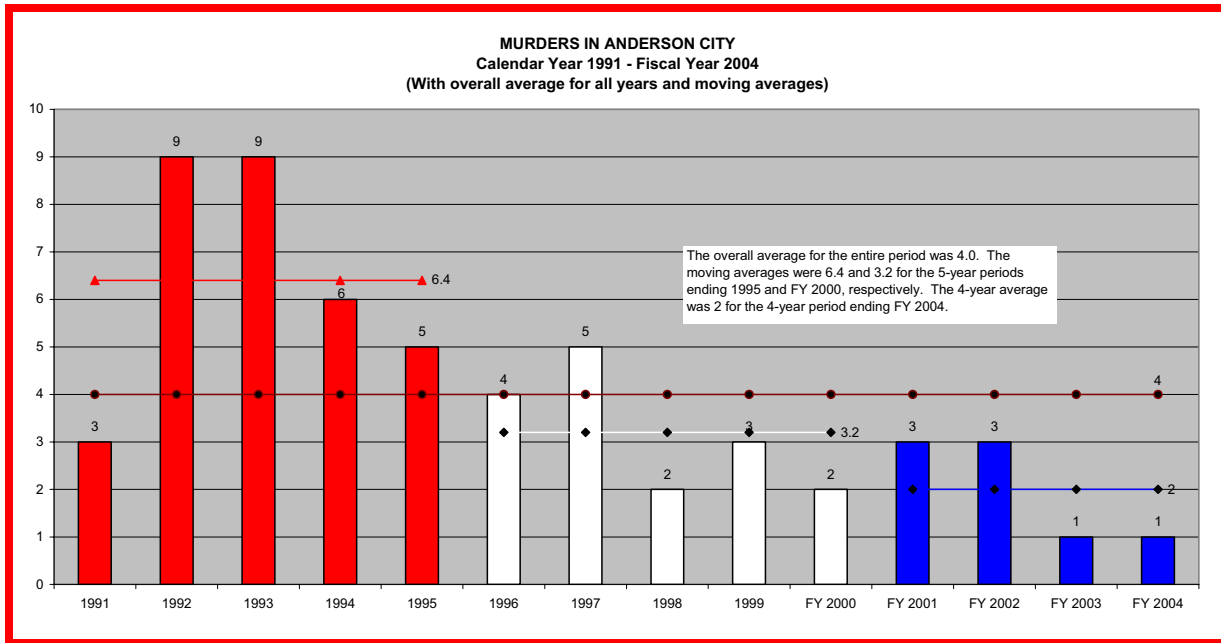
***Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Violent Crime.*** Calendar Year 1995 was the worst year on record for overall violent crime in Anderson City. During CY95 there were 567 written reports of violence in Anderson City as compared to 119 in FY 2004. For the eight consecutive years ending with FY03, crimes of confrontation decreased yearly and substantially in Anderson. A slight spike occurred in FY04. The police department believes the spike was due to reduced street level operations – the result of decreased block grant funding. As depicted by the following chart, violent crime figures for FY04 were among the lowest numbers on record. Note the moving averages that decreased significantly subsequent to the city’s eligibility for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds:<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Chart taken from the City of Anderson Police Department Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report.

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The murder rate for the City of Anderson has decreased substantially since it peaked at nine per year in 1992 and 1993. The change in the murder rate for the City of Anderson has shown a change which corresponds with that of the overall violent crime rate. The following chart depicts the yearly number of murders in Anderson City for the 14-year period ending with FY04, the overall average, and three moving averages.<sup>2</sup>



The City of Anderson Police Department routinely analyzes criminal activity and crime rates to understand the crime trends for particular areas. Special attention is given to reports of violent crime, drugs, and illegal weapons because previous research has established a nexus among these criminal components and also between these crimes and other types of criminal activity, both violent and non-violent.<sup>3</sup> These reports and arrests are periodically mapped in order to visually demonstrate where the “pockets” of crime exist within the community. This form of crime mapping is and has always been the point of focus for the **Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program**. This program has resulted in the arrest of hundreds of criminal offenders since the spring of 1997 and the violent crime rate in the City of Anderson has shown a decrease during the same period.

On Thursday, September 30, 2004, during a Public Safety Meeting attended by the City of Anderson Police Department’s top management, The Chief and Captains of the police department reported the performance of the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and the members of city council who serve on the Public Safety Committee. The following is a summary of the program’s performance since 1999, as described to

<sup>2</sup> Chart taken from the City of Anderson Police Department Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report.

<sup>3</sup> Research indicates that illegal weapons, drugs, and violent crime are correlated. In addition, these types of crimes occur disproportionately in conjunction with many other types of crime(s).

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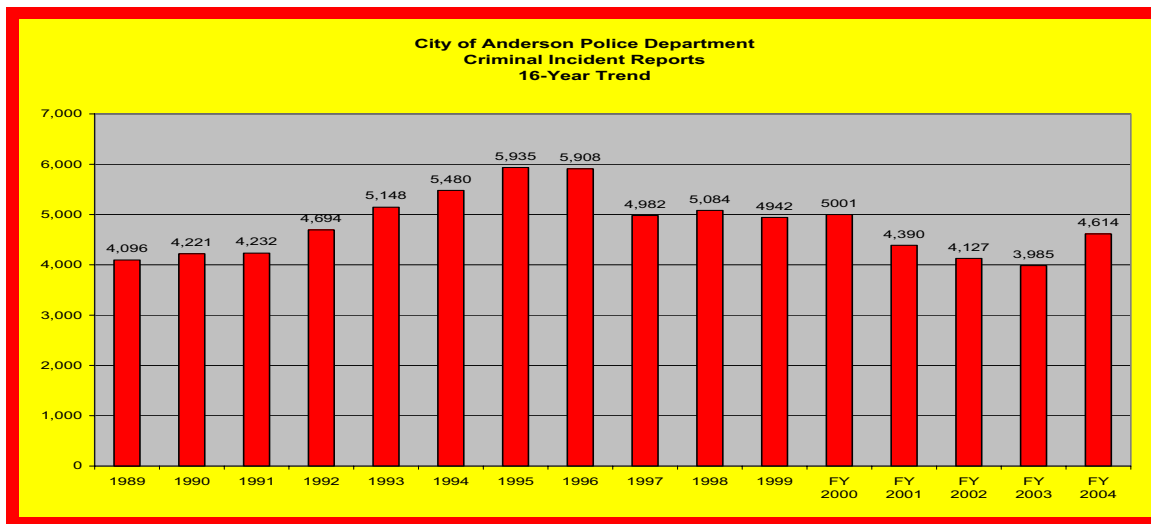
the Public Safety Committee on September 30, 2004, from 17:00 – 19:30 (EST) by Chief C. D. McConnell, Captain Jack Sanders and Captain Kevin Marsee.

- 4,276 charges were filed against criminal offenders from 1999 – fiscal year 2004
- The 4,276 charges were approximately 1/3 of all charges that were filed by the department
- There was a small spike in the violent crime rate in FY04 due to reduced funding
- 24,040 man-hours were worked since 1999

While the calls-for-service to the police department have generally increased on an annual basis, the actual documented crime, especially violent crime, has typically decreased. The premises behind the City of Anderson Police Department’s programs to control violent crime are:

1. Violent crime is controllable and
2. Decreasing violent crime in a particular environment can be achieved through
  - a. modifying the environment by limiting the opportunities for people to commit crime, and/or
  - b. pro-actively arresting, convicting, and incarcerating offenders, thereby removing the perpetrators of crime from the environment.

During FY03 reports of criminal victimization decreased .4% to below 4000, the lowest point on record. FY03 was the third consecutive fiscal year that written incident reports have decreased. The following graph depicts the number of written criminal incident reports for the last 15 years. Note the immediate and drastic change that occurred in 1997, the first year of **Street Level Operations**, which were funded by the LLEBG:<sup>4</sup>



<sup>4</sup> Chart taken from the City of Anderson Police Department Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report.

### **Anticipated Results**

Each year that the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds have been available to the City of Anderson Police Department, the agency has employed the **Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program in an effort to control crime thereby improving the quality of life in and around the City of Anderson, South Carolina.** As depicted by the previous charts, the funding has been applied toward programs that have had a **direct and measurable impact on criminal activity.** The department is seeking to continue this type of funding through the Justice Assistance Grant (*JAG*) program in an effort to continue to decrease in the violent crime rate in and around the City of Anderson, South Carolina. Officers who are employed to work overtime under this grant will continue to work closely with personnel who have been or who are currently employed under other grant programs. This level of cooperation lends support to the department's efforts to further identify needs within the community that require a pro-active law enforcement response. Currently the City of Anderson employs two personnel who are assigned to a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Traffic Unit, one investigator assigned to investigate crimes against vulnerable adults and children, and one firearms violence investigator. The City of Anderson Police Department's management believes that with continued funding, the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program will continue to contain and reduce the violent crime in the City of Anderson.

If the Justice Assistance Grant is awarded, the City of Anderson Police Department will use the funding to help with overtime for officers who will work to decrease crime in targeted areas.



**Budget Narrative**

The City of Anderson Police Department requests \$24,804 in funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purpose of hiring sworn officers to work overtime to practice proactive law enforcement in Anderson, South Carolina. The name of the program for which the City of Anderson Police Department requests this funding is the **Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program**.

The \$24,804 will be applied toward the cost of overtime for sworn officers and non-sworn support personnel and the related benefits of those officers. The benefits include FICA, police retirement and workmen's compensation expenses for personnel who work overtime assignments under the **Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program**.



**Review Narrative**

The City of Anderson Police Department announced to the city's designated governing body on Thursday, January 13, 2005, between the hours of 17:00 and 18:44 that the City of Anderson Police Department will be applying to the Justice Assistance Grant Program for grant funding in order to continue the Street Level Criminal Apprehension (overtime) Program. This announcement was made at least 30 days prior to applying.

The City of Anderson Police Department has made the JAG application available to the public for review by placing it upon its web site. Interested citizens, neighborhood, and community organizations have been and continue to be encouraged to comment on this program and the proposed funding thereof.

Interested parties and anyone else with comments about JAG funding for the Street Level Criminal Apprehension Program may contact Captains Sanders or Marsee of the City of Anderson Police Department in person, via telephone, surface mail or email.

