Updates for October 4, 2024

**In the News**

[**A Look at the First Year of Sacramento's Specialized Team to Tackle Homelessness**](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/a-look-at-the-first-year-of-sacramento-s-specialized-team-to-tackle-homelessness/ar-AA1qKH3o?ocid=BingNewsVerp)

To respond to the homelessness crisis, Sacramento, California launched the Incident Management Team last year, an initiative that combines the resources of the city police and fire departments, the city manager’s office, and code enforcement to provide a balanced approach to the issue to meet the need of the community.

[**$6.25 Million DOJ Grant to Help Fund 50 New Police Officers in San Antonio**](https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2024/09/19/625-million-doj-grant-to-fund-50-new-police-officers-in-san-antonio/)

San Antonio received a $6.25 million grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to hire 50 new officers over the next three years.

[**Gun Violence in Philadelphia Plummeted in 2024 − Researchers Aren’t Sure Why, but Here Are 3 Factors at Play**](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/gun-violence-in-philadelphia-plummeted-in-2024-researchers-aren-t-sure-why-but-here-are-3-factors-at-play/ar-AA1r33Wn?ocid=BingNewsVerp)

Homicides and shooting victims declined significantly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the first eight months of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, and researchers attribute the change to a return to normalcy in criminal justice systems, new leadership and crimefighting strategies, and national crime trends.

**Site Highlights**

Social Media for the Week of Oct

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| 10/7/24 | Last year, Sacramento launched the Incident Management Team, which combines resources of city police (#SacPolice), fire, the city manager’s office and code enforcement, to provide a balanced approach to the homelessness crisis. <https://tinyurl.com/2rtfnw2e> #DOJBJA |
| 10/8/24 | #SATX Police received a $6.25 million grant from the Office of Community Policing Services to hire 50 new officers over the next three years. <https://tinyurl.com/2tdfrxk4> #DOJBJA #NationalPSP |
| 10/9/24 | Homicides and shootings declined about 40% in Philadelphia for the first 8 months of 2024 over the same period in 2023, which researchers attribute to a return to normalcy in criminal justice, new leadership and strategies, and national crime trends. https://tinyurl.com/5af4vv9z |
| 10/10/24 | Current and alumni PSP sites are invited to attend the Public Information Officer Community of Practice on Strategic Messaging During Protests on October 17 from 3-4 p.m., ET. Register at https://tinyurl.com/yc5uz2jm |
| 10/11/24 | Research grant available from the National Institute of Justice to evaluate BJA State Crisis Intervention Programs or provide a scan of practices for state crisis intervention activities. Learn more and apply by November 12, 2024 at https://tinyurl.com/maa8jjev |