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Crime Commission’s president Bill Gibbons speaks at Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce on “Life After the Memphis Safe Task Force” & more



LIFE AFTER THE MEMPHIS SAFE TASK FORCE

Memphis Shelby Crime Commission's president, Bill Gibbons, was guest speaker at the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, Wednesday, July 15.

Gibbons discussed plans for establishing the next five-year Safe Community Action Plan, followed by Q&A from members and guests that attended.

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Atrius Group June proceeds promotion nets more than \$17K for SAF’s legal efforts

BELLEVUE, Wash. — July 22, 2026 — Throughout the month of June Atrius Development Group donated a portion of proceeds from each sale to benefit the Second Amendment Foundation, providing more than \$17,000 for the organization’s legal and educational efforts.

“Our Together We Win campaign exceeded expectations, and we’re grateful for the incredible support from our customers, dealers and partners,” said Atrius CEO and Founder Ryan Spada-

fore. “Thanks to you, we’re proud to make a meaningful donation to the Second Amendment Foundation in support of defending the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans. Together, we’re able to make a difference. Thank you for standing with us.”

Atrius specializes in developing innovative firearm technologies and solutions for the AR-15 platform. Its flagship product, the Atrius Forced Reset Selector, is a 3-position reverse compatible compliant semi-automatic solu-

tion that allows users to switch between safe, semi and super-semi – a high-speed, forced-reset, semi-auto mode. The company is veteran-owned and operated, and all products are proudly made in the USA, showcasing American craftsmanship and a passion for the Second Amendment that pushes the envelope of what is possible in the 2A space. In June, Atrius launched their “Together We Win” initiative where a portion of proceeds from each sale throughout the month was donated to support SAF’s ongoing

legal, educational and advocacy efforts.

“With two ‘assault weapons’ cases before the Supreme Court, in addition to more than 50 active cases across the country, the timing of Atrius’ additional funding initiative was perfect,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “More than 81% of every dollar donated to SAF goes directly back to our mission, and this funding will be poured right back into ensuring our Second Amendment freedoms remain

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A Report from the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the Memphis Safety Institute: Crime continues to decline throughout first half of year

July 23, 2026 - Based on preliminary data from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) released by the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, reported crime continued a steady decline during the first half of 2026 compared to 2025 and other previous years. Major violent crime includes the categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. In Memphis, the major violent crime rate dropped 31.5 percent compared to 2025 and 30.4 percent countywide. Every category declined.

2011 had been the most recent year with the lowest violent crime rate. The first half of 2026 was lower than the first half of 2011 – by 5.2 percent in Memphis and 8.7 percent throughout Shelby County. Violent crime peaked in 2023. Compared to the first half of 2023, the violent crime rate has plummeted by

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“Group A” crime rate by collecting data on 54 different categories of crime. During the first half of 2026, the overall crime rate declined 23.8 percent in Memphis and 23.7 percent countywide compared to the first half of 2025.

Domestic violence is the hidden part of our violent crime challenge, with most of it occurring in homes behind closed doors. While reported domestic violence offenses declined some in the first half of 2026 compared to 2025, the decline was not as steep as the major violent categories, with a 5.7 percent drop in Memphis and 5.9 percent countywide. Last week, the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute unveiled a strategic plan to curb domestic violence through both better services to victims and more accountability for perpetrators.

The TBI tracks reported offenses involving firearms. While there were still over 5,000 reported firearms offenses, that represented a 35.1 percent decline in Memphis and 34.8 percent decrease throughout the county compared to the first half of 2025.

Some have expressed concern that the significant reduction in reported crimes in Memphis has simply driven those crimes to parts of the county outside of Memphis. The TBI figures do not support that. While the decline was not as steep, those areas of the county outside of Memphis also showed declines.

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45.0 percent in Memphis and 44.0 percent in all of Shelby County.

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