

A photograph of two Vancouver Police officers inside a patrol car. The officer on the right is pointing at a tablet screen that displays a map. Both officers are wearing dark uniforms with 'POLICE VANCOUVER' patches and have communication devices in their ears. The background shows a blurred street scene with other vehicles and pedestrians.

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

COUNCIL BRIEFING | February 28, 2023

AGENDA

1. Context
2. Efficiencies
3. Strategic Issues
4. Staffing



Vancouver is a Core City

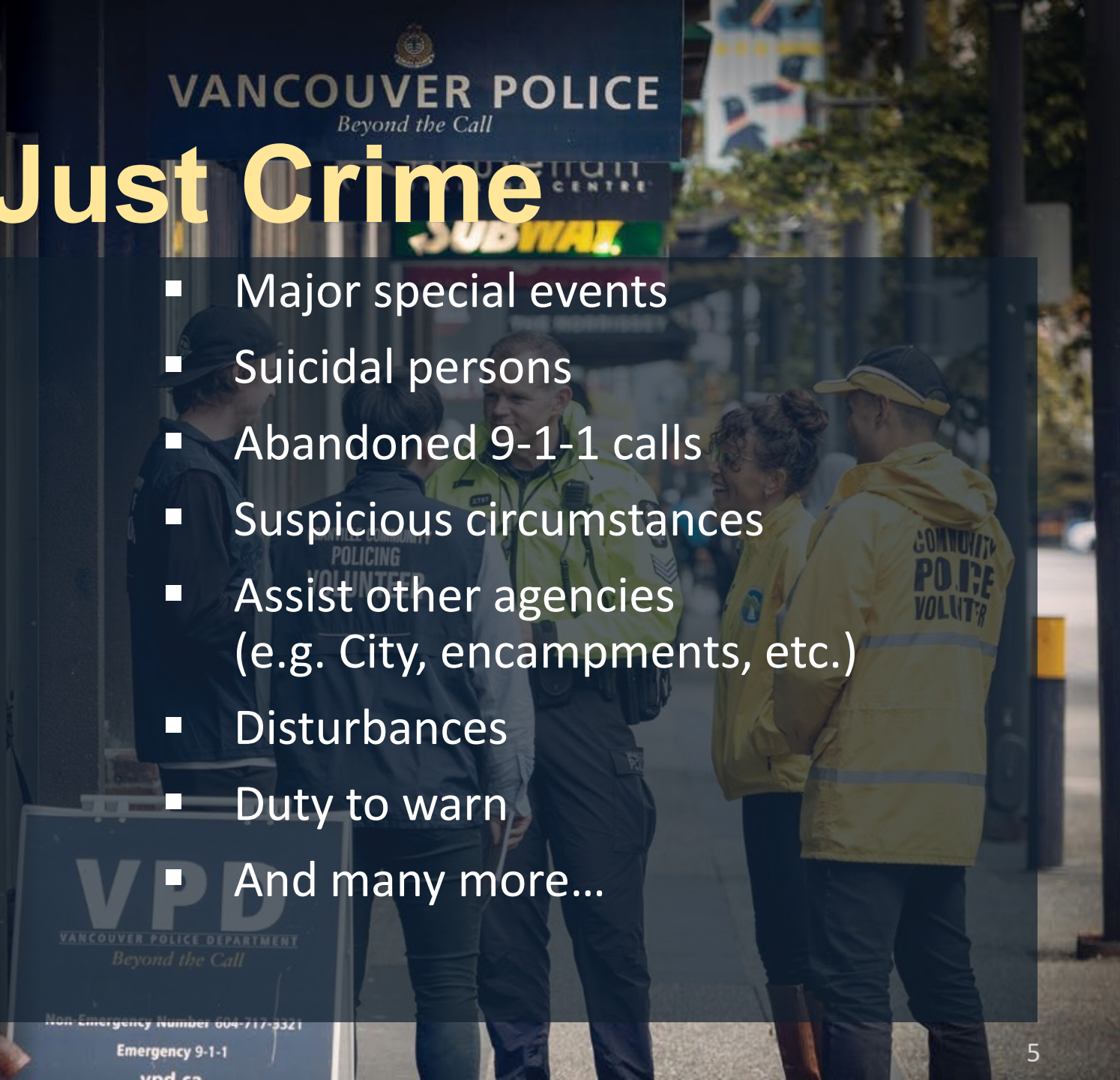
- Vancouver 706,000 residents
- Metro Vancouver 2,842,000 residents
- Core City

Public Safety Metrics

- Violent Crime **+ 12%**
- Sex Offences **+ 4%**
- Robberies **+ 12%**
- Assaults **+ 14%**
- Serious Assaults **+ 30%** **5 victims/day**
- Unprovoked Stranger Attacks **4 victims/day**
- Mischiefs **+ 2%**
- Arsons **+ 45%**
- Assaults PO **+ 19%**

More Than Just Crime

- Car accidents
- Missing persons
- Persons in distress
- Elopees from hospital
- Municipal bylaw offenses
- Provincial statutes
- Marine policing
- Prowlers
- Protests
- Major special events
- Suicidal persons
- Abandoned 9-1-1 calls
- Suspicious circumstances
- Assist other agencies (e.g. City, encampments, etc.)
- Disturbances
- Duty to warn
- And many more...



Mental Health Initiatives

- Car 87/88
- Assertive Outreach Teams (AOT)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Early Warning System



Mental Health Partnerships Client Outcomes

ACT

- Emergency room visits

↓ 88%

- Police contacts

↓ 57%

AOT

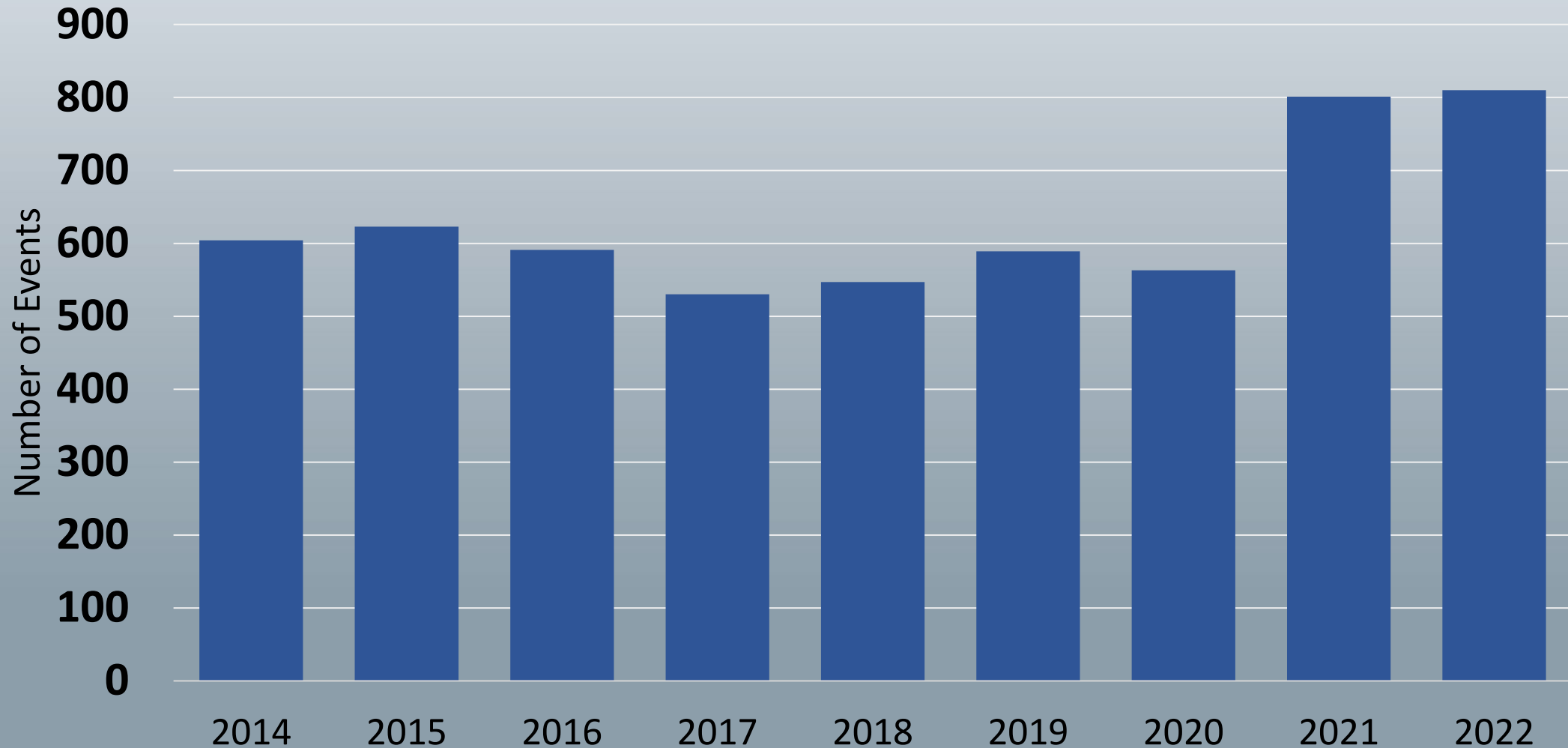
- Emergency room visits

↓ 100%

- Police contacts

↓ 78%

Public Events and Demonstrations



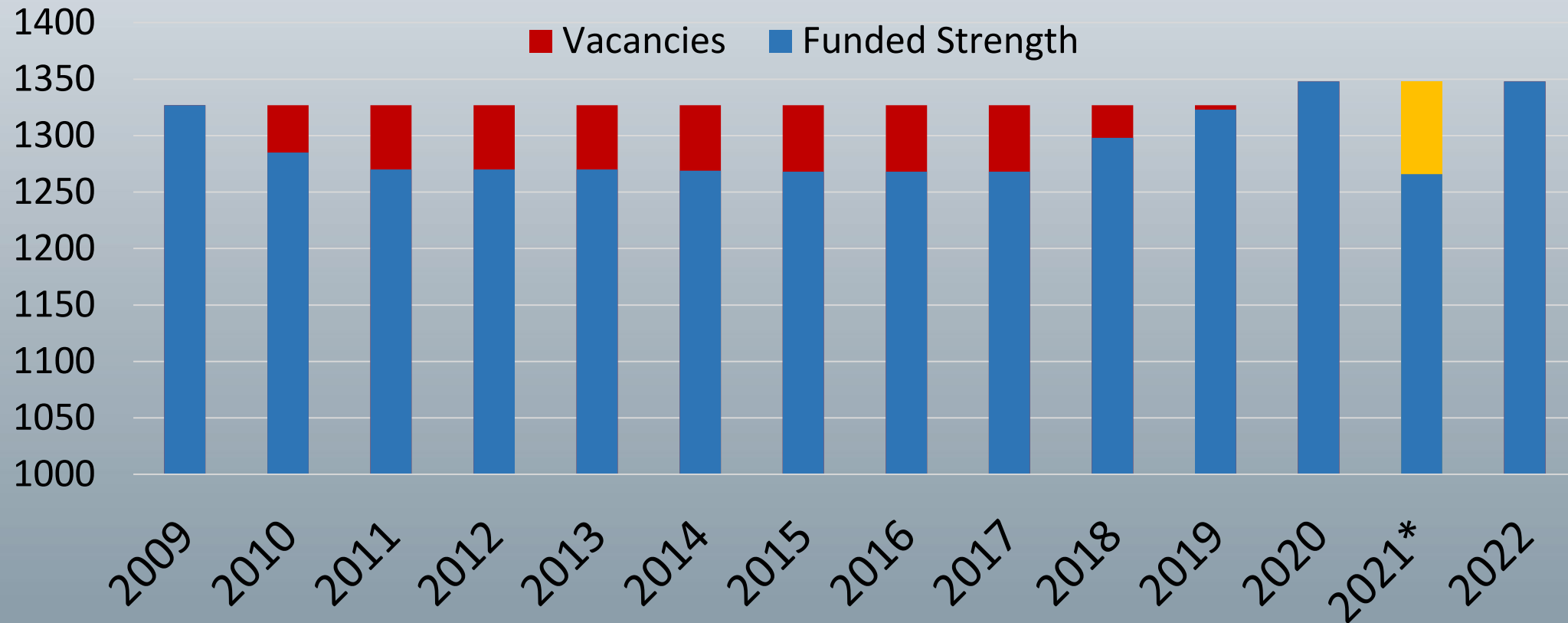
Efficiencies at the VPD

- Tiered policing
(Special Municipal Constables)
- Civilianization
- Operational Review I & II
- Efficient patrol deployment
- Online crime reporting
- Technology/analytics
- E-ticketing
- Call triaging
- Community partnerships
- Volunteers
- Metro Team pilot
- Operations Command Centre (OCC)
- Remotely Piloted Aerial System (RPAS)
- Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS)

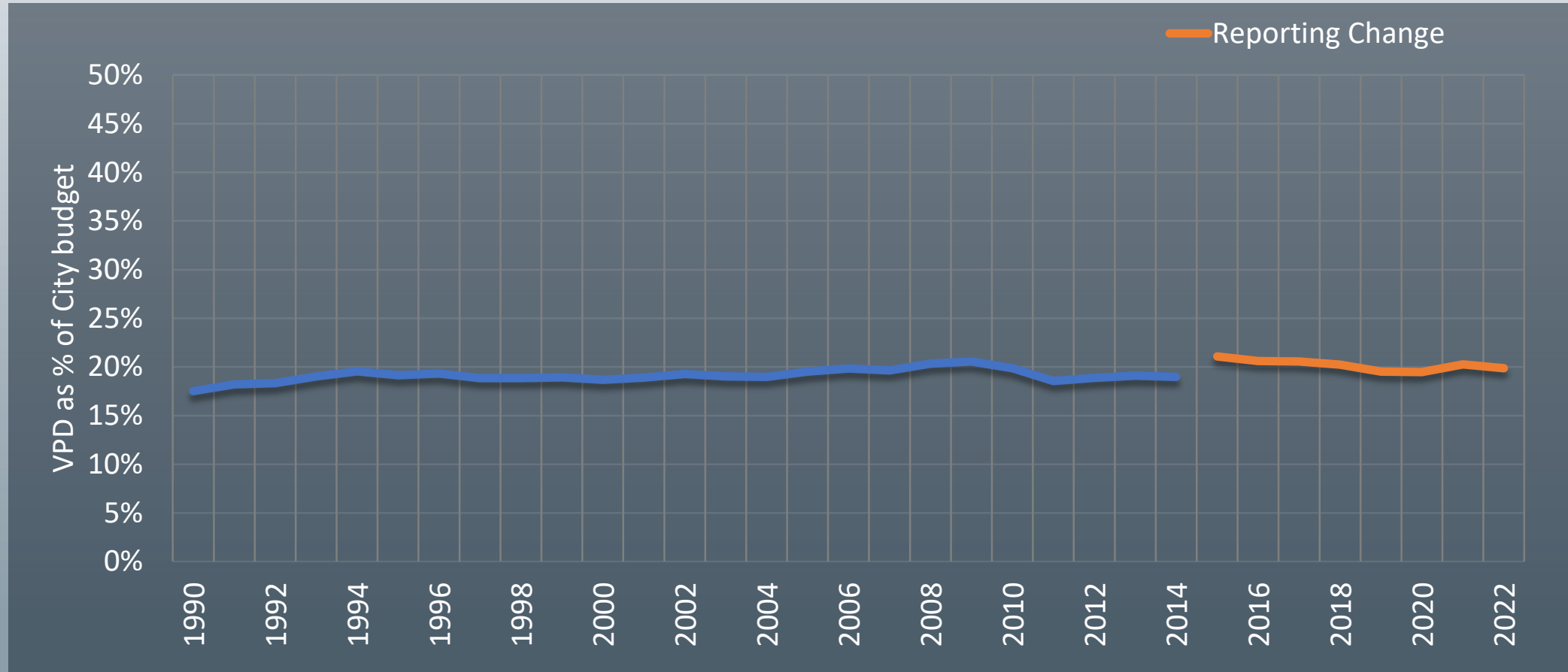
Pressures

- Gang conflict
- Gun violence
- Hate crime
- Protests
- Opioid crisis
- Housing issues
- Encampments / DTES
- Urban decay
- Policing standards / training
- Court requirements
- Technology
- Employee wellness
- Mental health
- Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*
- Surrey Police
- E-Comm
- BC Ambulance Service
- JIBC Police Academy

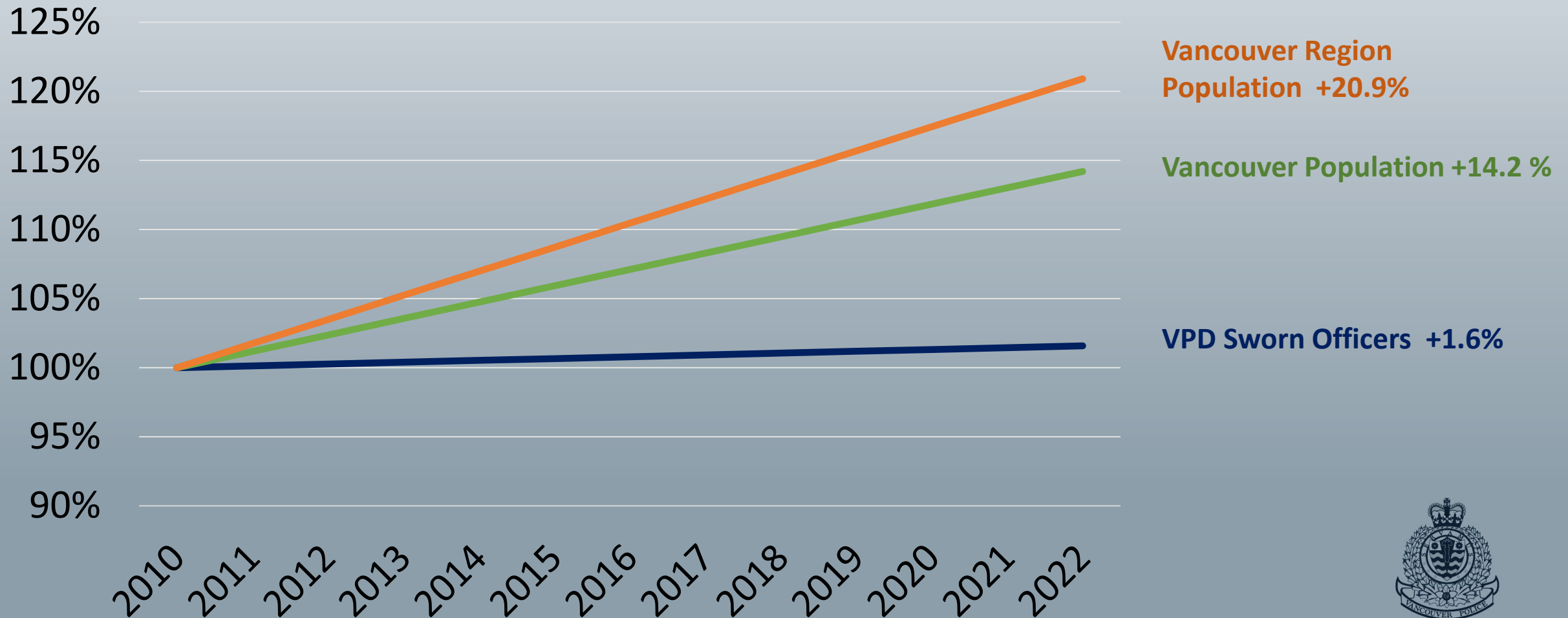
Sworn Staffing Relative to 2009



Percentage of City Budget

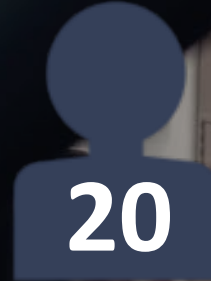


Staffing has not kept pace with population.



Budget 2023

- Mental Health Unit
- Patrol / Frontline
- School Liaison Officers
- Indigenous Liaison Officers
- Operations Command Centre



- Missing Persons
- Domestic Violence
- Child Exploitation
- Cybercrime
- Forensic Services
- Victim Services

2023 VPD Budget

Board Approved
\$383.50M

City Staff Supported
\$369.97M



Community
Investments
\$13.53M

- Digital Evidence Management System
- JIBC Recruit Training
- Staffing
- Body Worn Camera Pilot
- Community Policing Centres
- Police Board
- Statutory Holiday
- Overtime





Questions?