

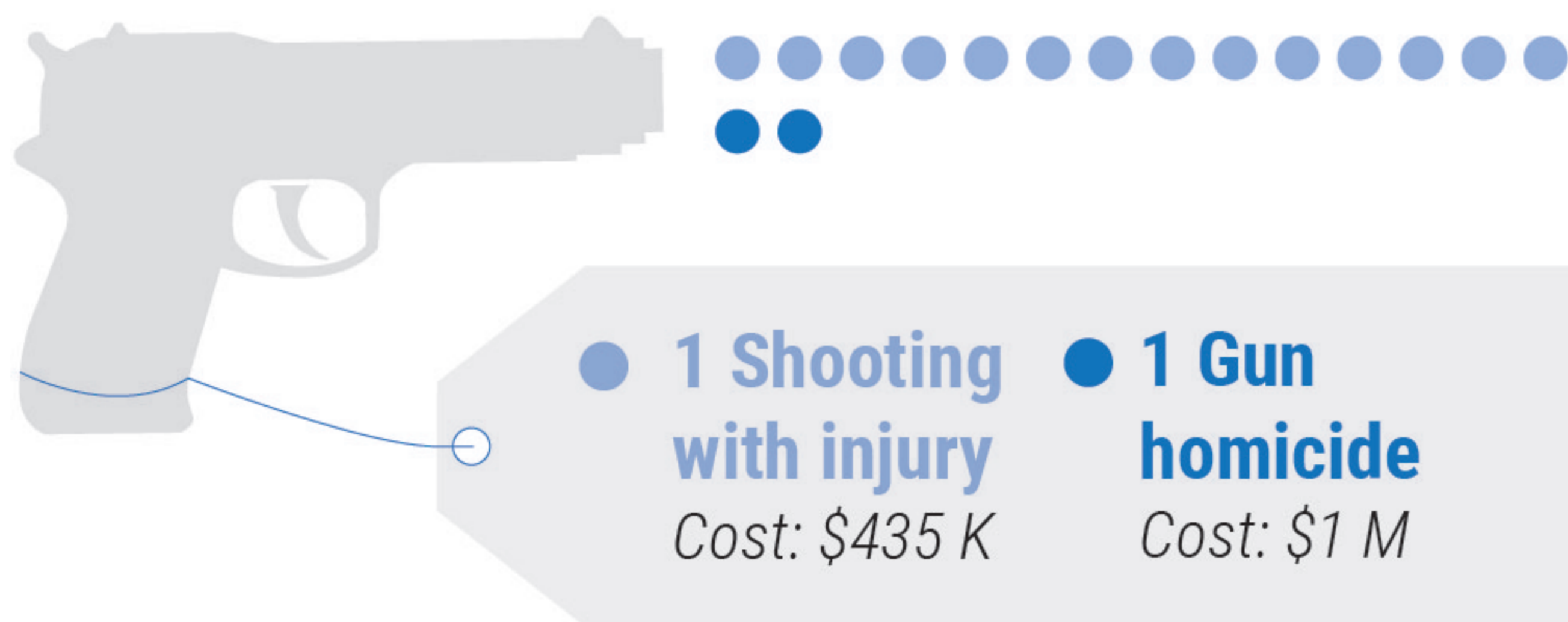
Office of Neighborhood Safety **Richmond 2020**

COVID-19 & Gun Violence Reduction Work

In 2020, COVID-19 contributed to increases in firearm violence. We found that this increase in gun violence was a direct result of increased social isolation, depression, anxiety, fear & uncertainty brought on by COVID-19 policies. **The 2020 pandemic's impact on the ONS model was profound.** ONS requires that heavy doses of direct, persistent and rigorous face-to-face daily engagement be made with each enrolled Fellow. **Pandemic distancing and closures adversely impacted the ability of ONS staff, Fellows & service providers to engage & do what they do best.** These restrictions on engagement limited ONS's likely impacts & any increases in gun violence reflect 2020's COVID reality. **However, if not for the continued engagement of ONS during the pandemic, gun violence could have been a lot worse.**

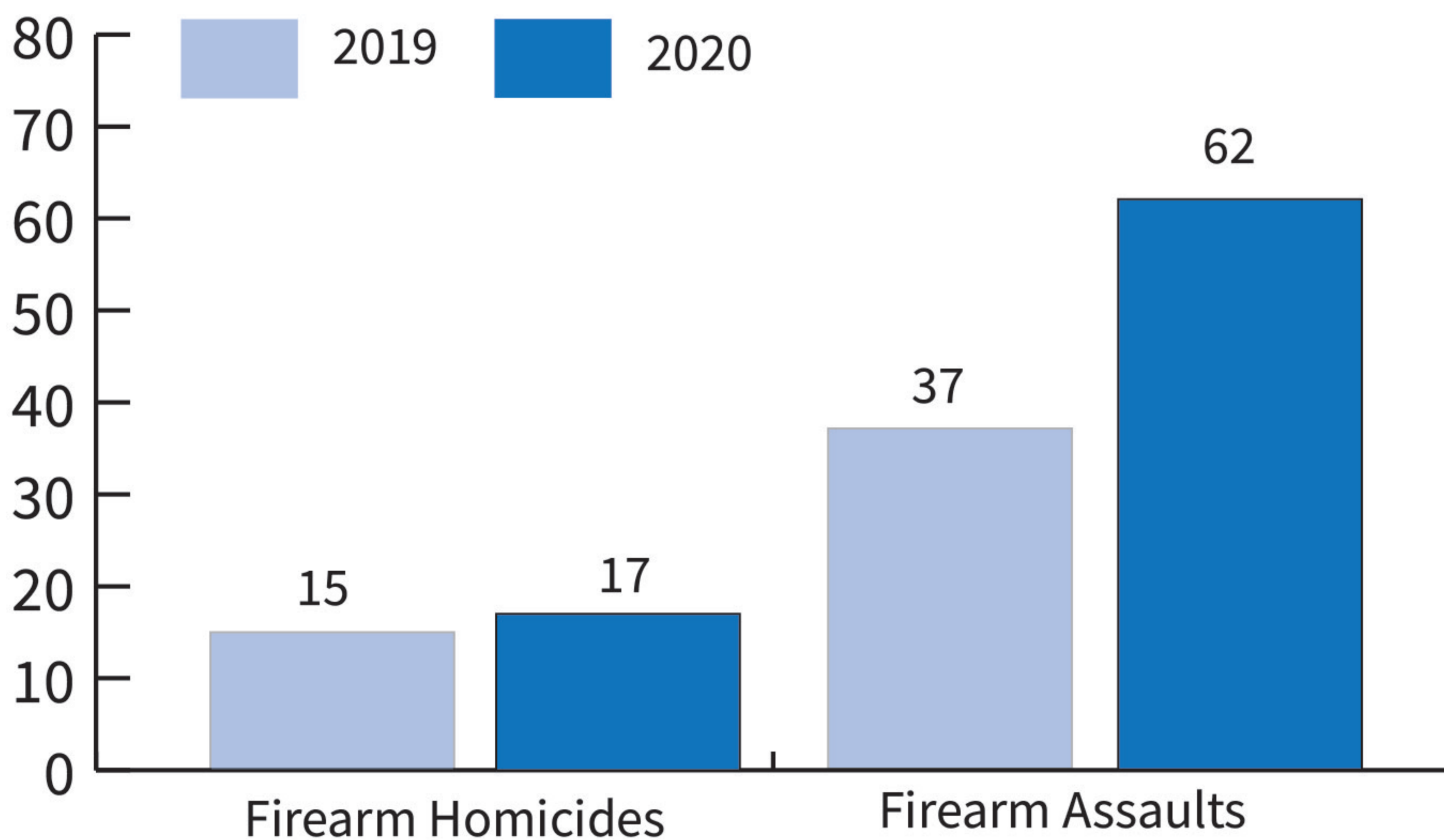
Firearm Incidents Causing Injury or Death Prevented

28 Firearm Incidents Prevented
\$12.2-\$28 M Savings from gun violence interruptions



* Cost Estimates from The Public Policy Institute of CA

Richmond Firearm Homicides & Assaults | 2019 & 2020



- 4,443** Street Outreach + Fellow Contacts
- 7,917** Hours of engagement
- 248** Service referrals
- 28** Imminent gun violence conflicts interrupted
- 88** Community conflicts mediated that could have escalated into gun violence

Office of Neighborhood Safety Fellows in 2020

27 Fellows

0

lost to gun violence

96%

have no new firearm injuries

89%

are not a suspect in a new firearm related crime

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