Community Policing: How We Got Here

Baltimore

- What are some recent stories you've heard?
- What are some stories that don't get told?
- What is special and unique about Baltimore?
- What is your strongest memory of Baltimore?
- What is a story about the BPD that is not often shared?

Where We Are: Quality of Life in Baltimore

Indicator	Baltimore	Maryland	National
Violent crime rate (per 100k)	1,566	462	205
Life expectancy (years)	72	79	78
Babies born with low birth weight	12%	9%	8%
Children meeting Grade 4 education standards	15%	42%	50%
Unemployment rate	6%	4%	4%
Poverty rate	22%	9%	15%
Home ownership rate	47%	67%	73%

Performance Objectives

Analyze the forces impacting the relationship between Baltimore communities and the police over time

Describe cultural, social, historical, and economic factors that affect people living in Baltimore neighborhoods

Discuss strengths held and challenges faced by Baltimore communities

Evaluate role of police in improving quality of life in Baltimore, including social, health, and economic outcomes.

Courageous Conversation

American Police History

- Rich & varied since the 1600s, sheriffs, marshals, city police, etc.
- Police enforced the law, but the law was not fair:
  - Slavery
  - Segregation
  - Restrictions on immigrants, Native Americans, women, etc.
- And sometimes <u>didn't</u> enforce the law, such as when police participated in lynching
- Police were often used as a tool to keep certain people "in their place"

Maryland Civil Rights History

1664 – Slavery allowed by law

1664 – Interracial marriage prohibited

1802 – Voting by free Blacks prohibited

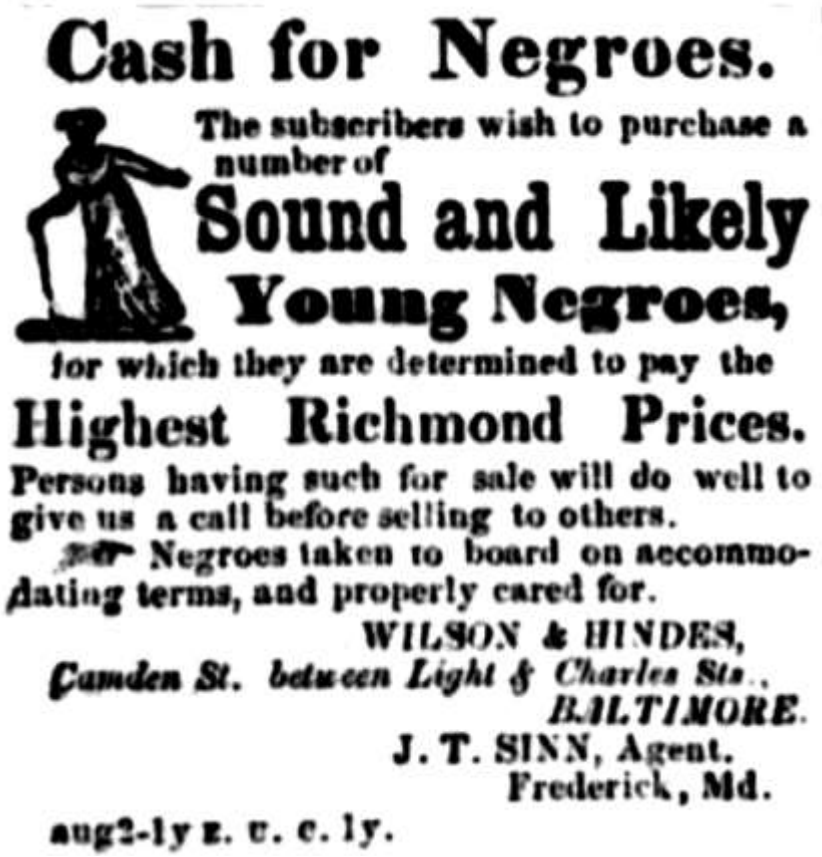
1826 – Jews given the right to vote

1864 – Maryland abolishes slavery

1951 – Law ends segregation on trains

1954 – State parks open to Blacks

1967 – Interracial marriage ban repealed



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Baltimore History

- 1729 – Baltimore Town founded
- 1796 – Baltimore City incorporated
- 1820s – 3rd largest and fastest growing U.S. city; railroad, shipping, industry leader
- 1840 – Population = 102,313 (#2)
- 1900 – Population = 508,957 (#6)
- 1960 – Population = 939,024 (#6)
- 2020 – Population = 593,490 (#30)

Baltimore Civil Rights History

1790 – Twice as many slaves as free persons of color

1838 – Frederick Douglass escapes from slavery in Baltimore

1860 – More free Blacks than slaves

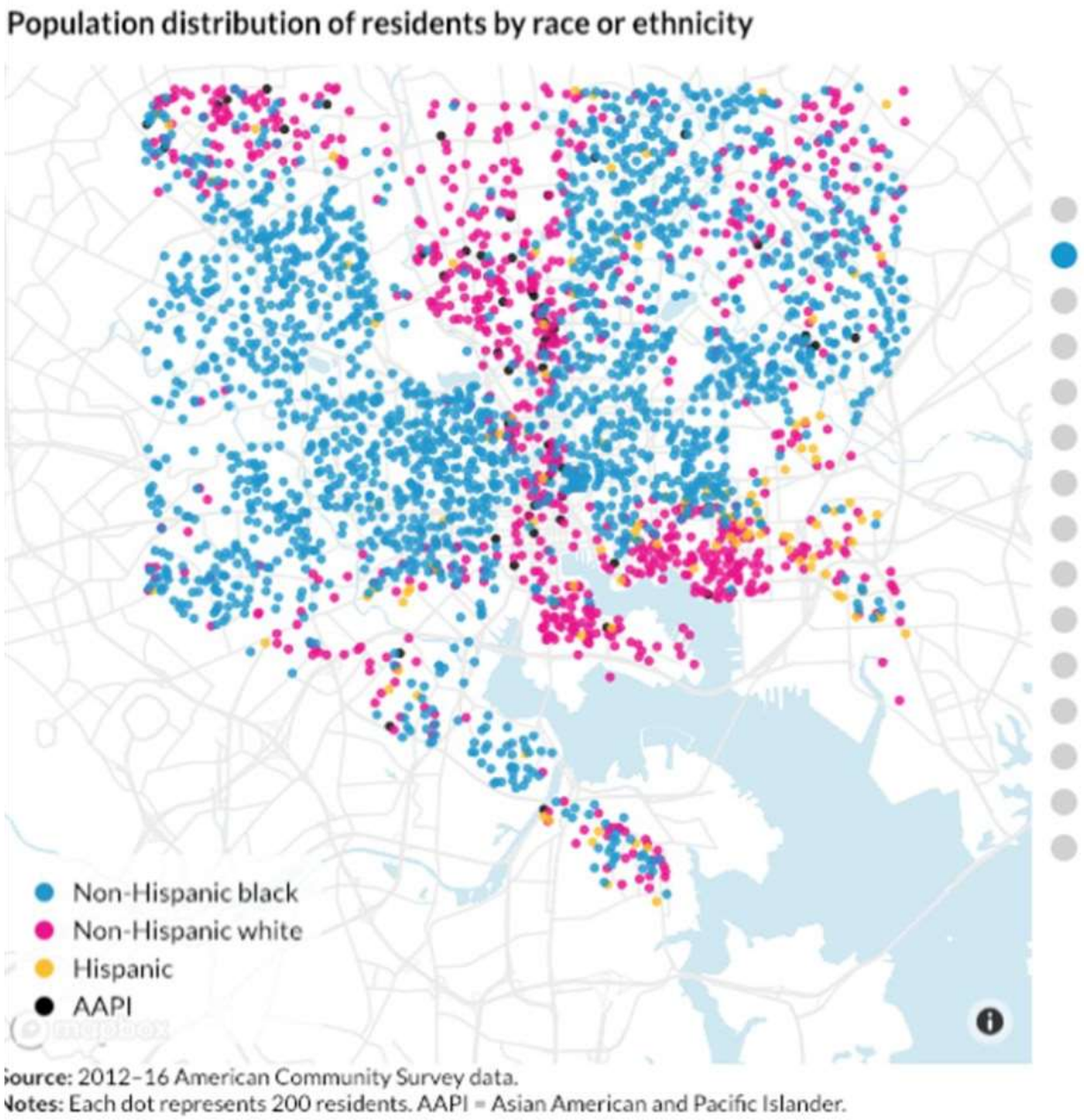
1867 – First Black public schools open

1910-1970 – Growth from 85,000 to 420,000 Black residents

1910 – City ordinance segregates neighborhoods by blocks

1954 – City public schools desegregated

1968 – Civil unrest after MLK assassination



How We Got Here – The Big Picture

- Slavery (1664-1864)
- Jim Crow (1877-1950s)
- Great Migration (1910-1970)
- Real Estate Covenants (1890-1948*)
- Redlining (1910-1968)
- White Flight (1950-2000)
- Deindustrialization (1970-present)

* Not enforceable by courts after 1948, but still common.

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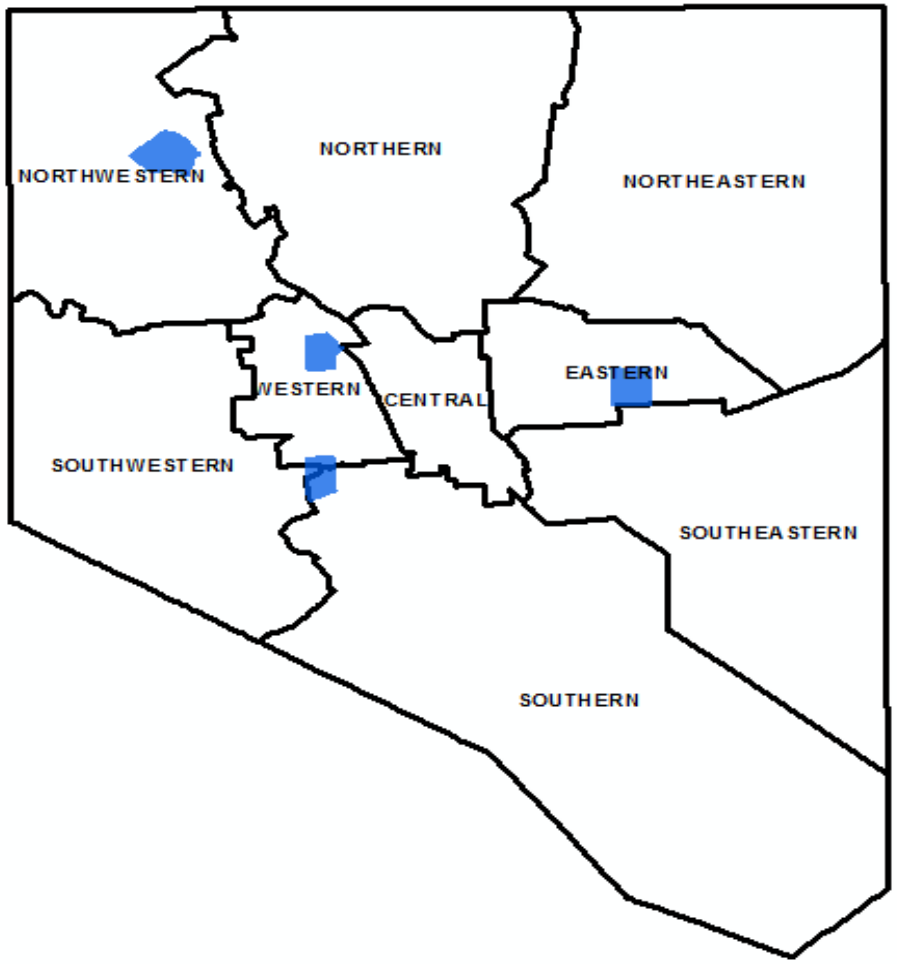

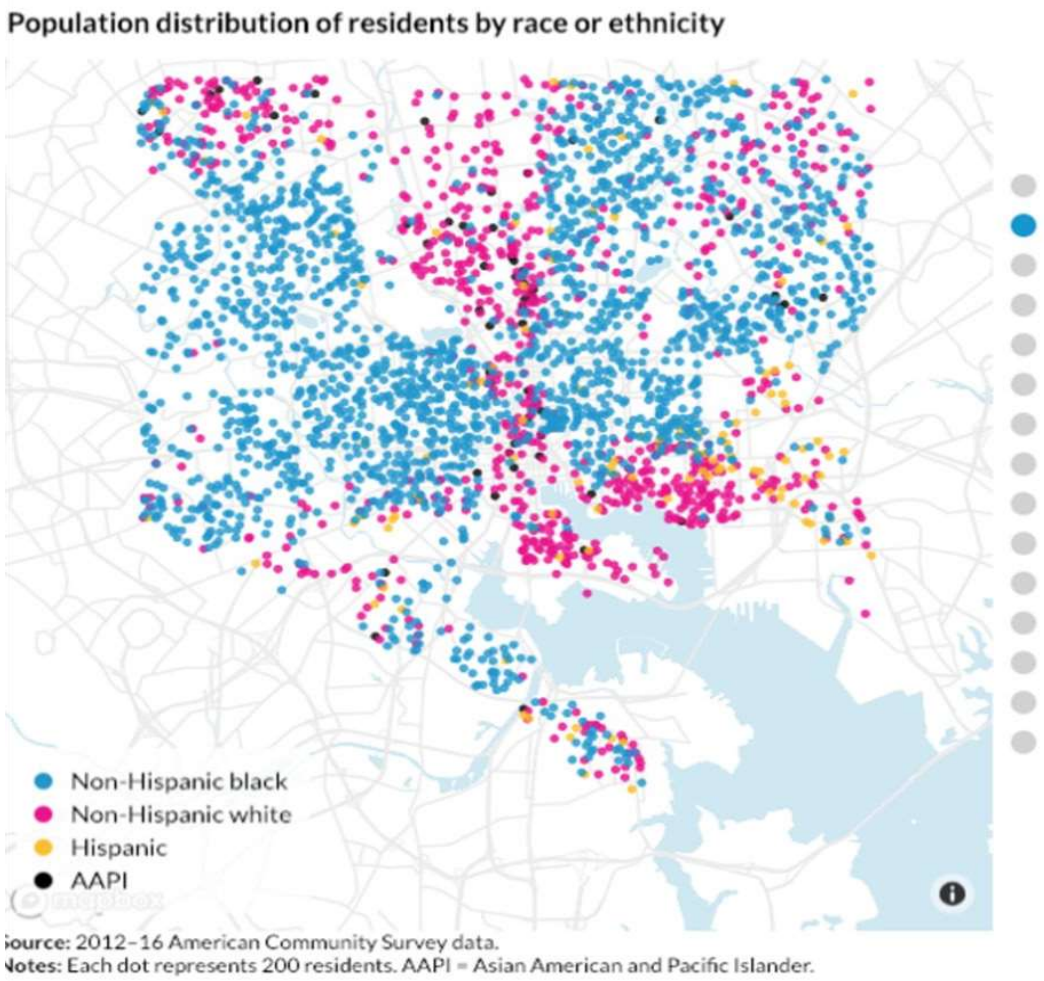

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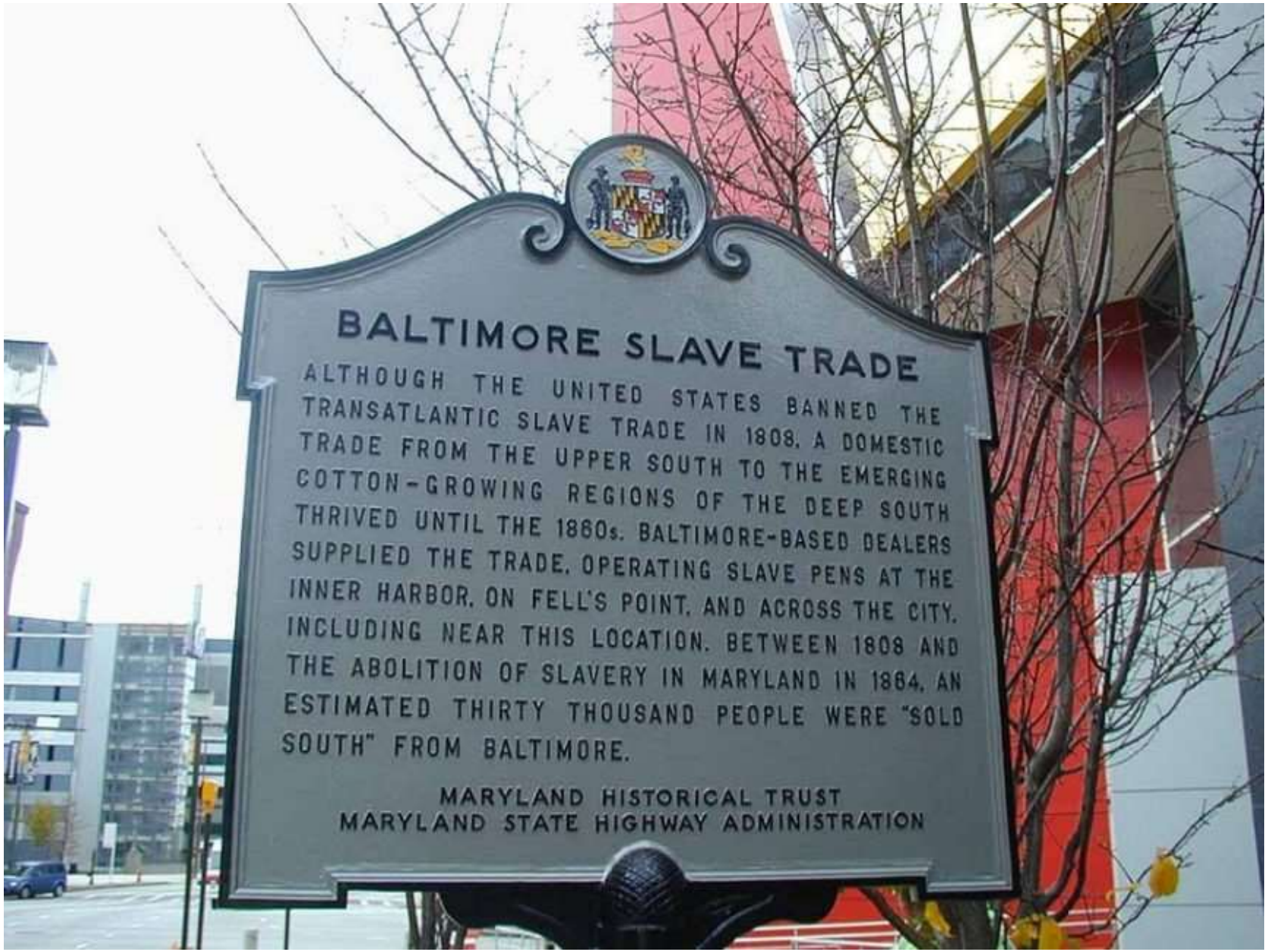
BALTIMORE SLAVE TRADE
ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES BANNED THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE IN 1808, A DOMESTIC TRADE FROM THE UPPER SOUTH TO THE EMERGING COTTON-GROWING REGIONS OF THE DEEP SOUTH THRIVED UNTIL THE 1860s. BALTIMORE-BASED DEALERS SUPPLIED THE TRADE, OPERATING SLAVE PENS AT THE INNER HARBOR, ON FELL'S POINT, AND ACROSS THE CITY, INCLUDING NEAR THIS LOCATION. BETWEEN 1808 AND THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND IN 1864, AN ESTIMATED THIRTY THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE "SOLD SOUTH" FROM BALTIMORE.
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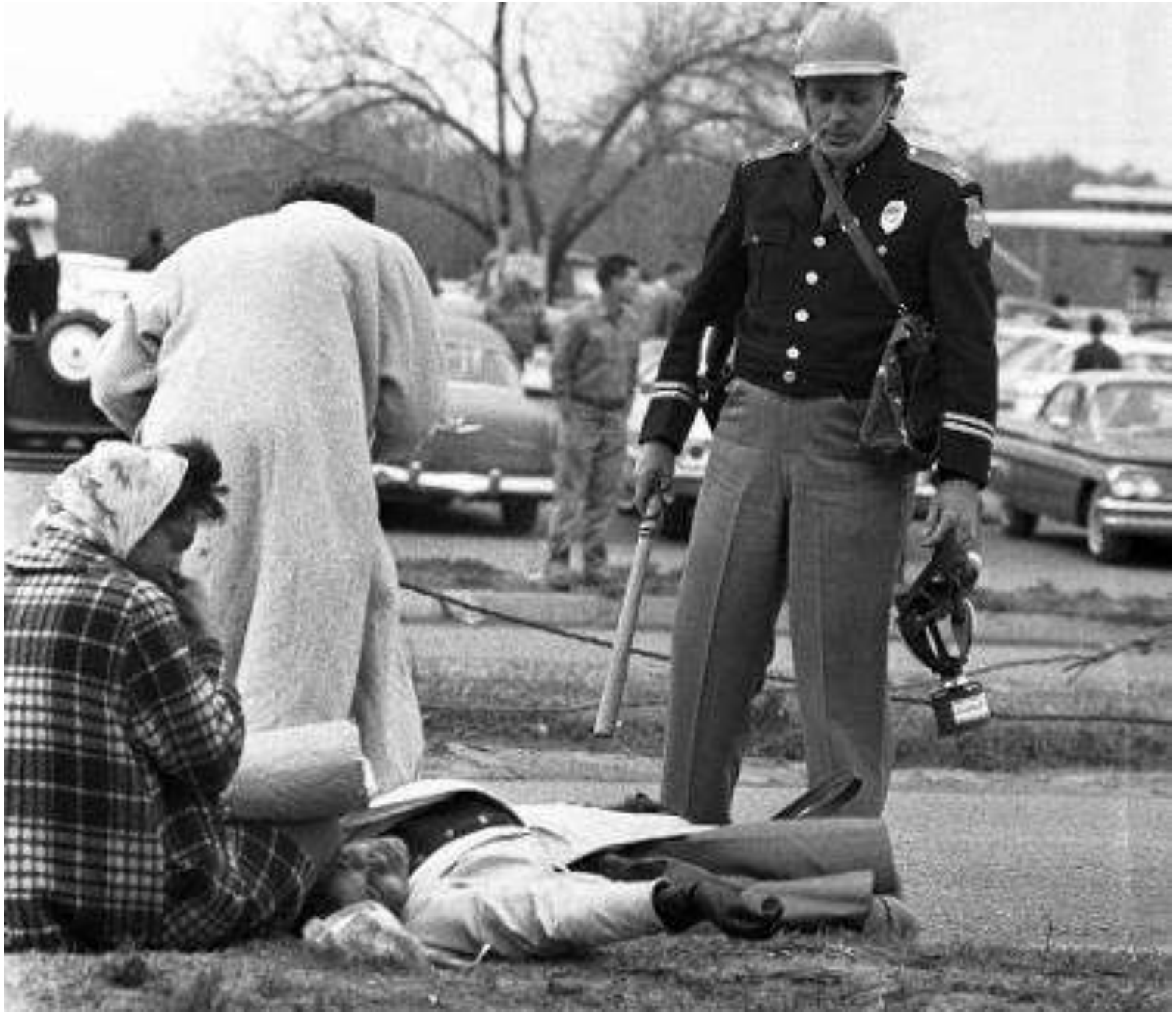

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GRAPHIC: CRIME NEWS

Baltimore homicides by year

By ADAM MARTON
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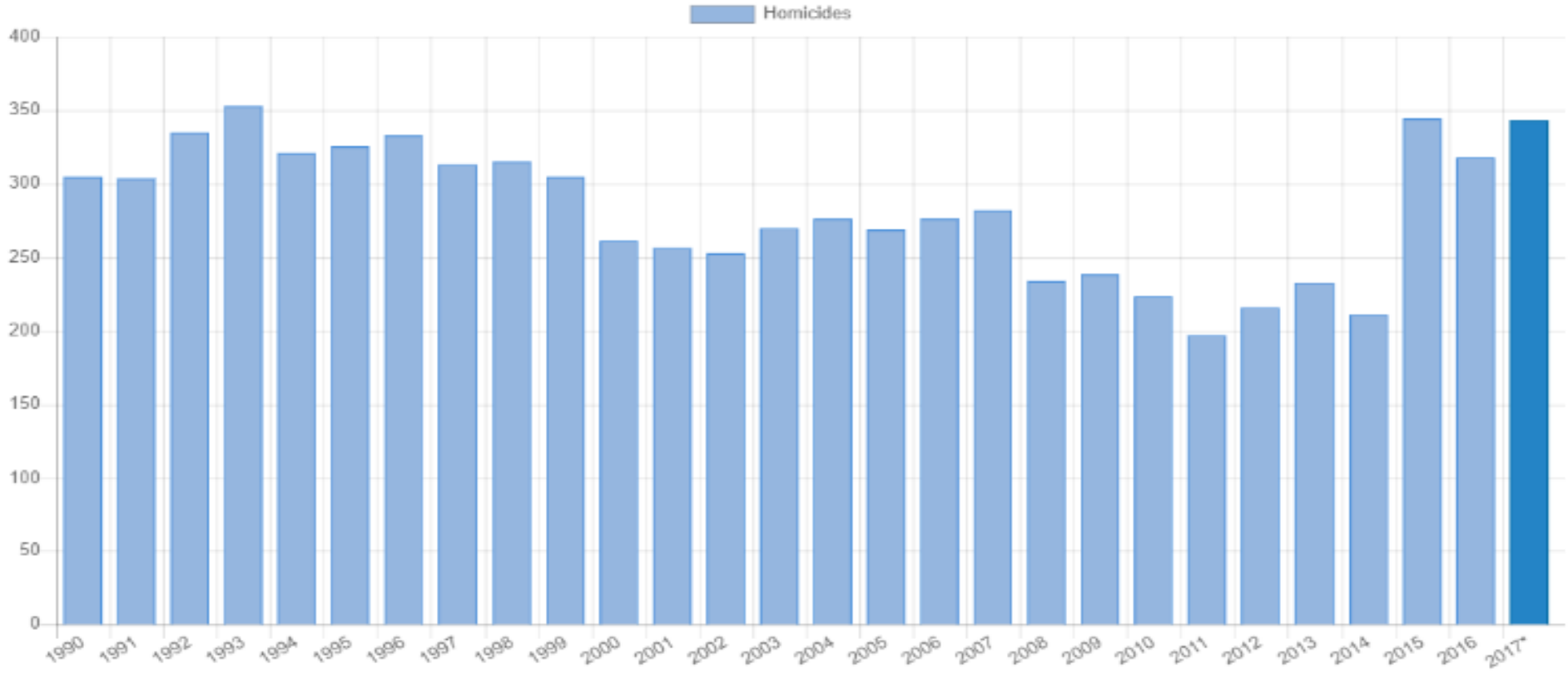
The city has surpassed 300 homicides for 2017. It is the third straight year the city recorded more than 300, and the third time since the 1990s. Homicides in 2016 reached 318.

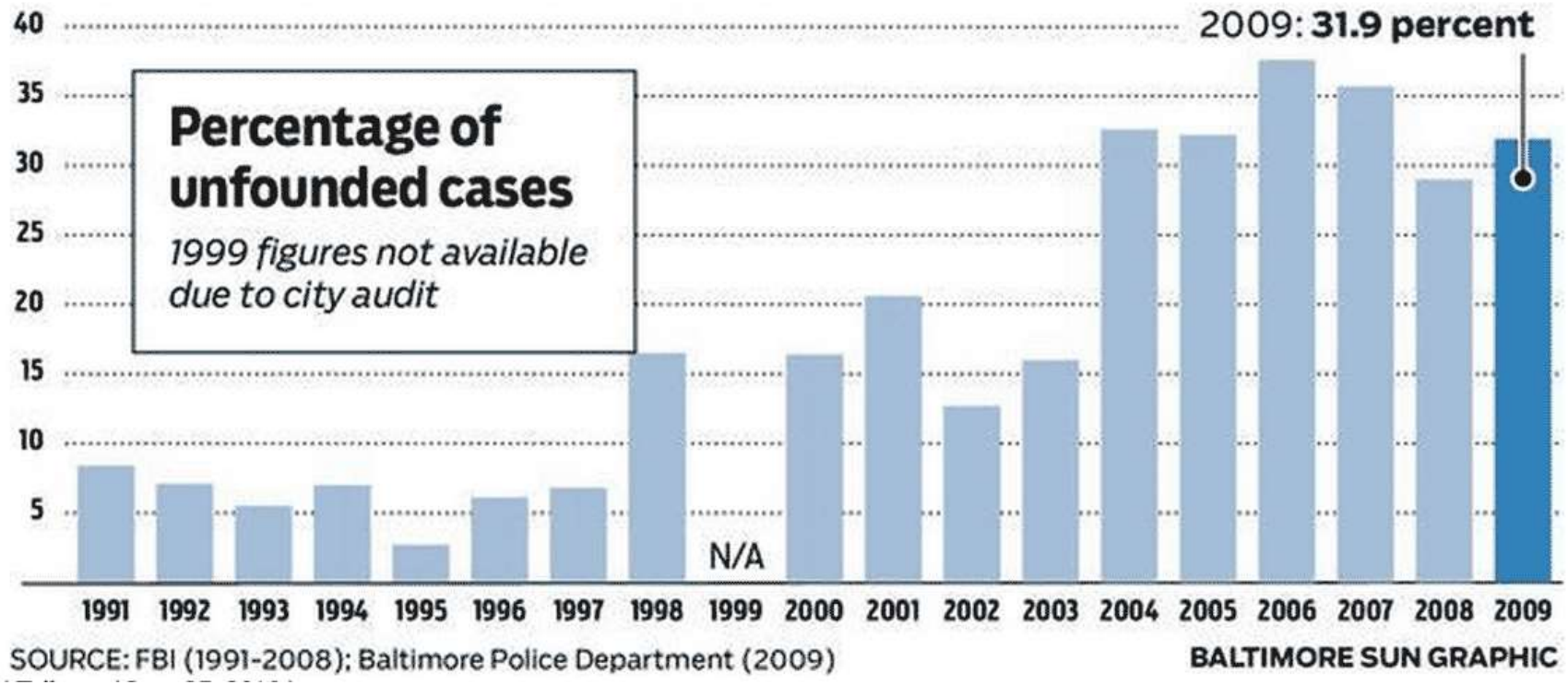


as of 11/16/2017

Source: Baltimore City Police Department, Maryland.gov

Rape cases dismissed

The city's percentage of rape cases determined to be "false or baseless" has more than tripled since 1991, making Baltimore a national leader in that category.



SOURCE: FBI (1991-2008); Baltimore Police Department (2009)

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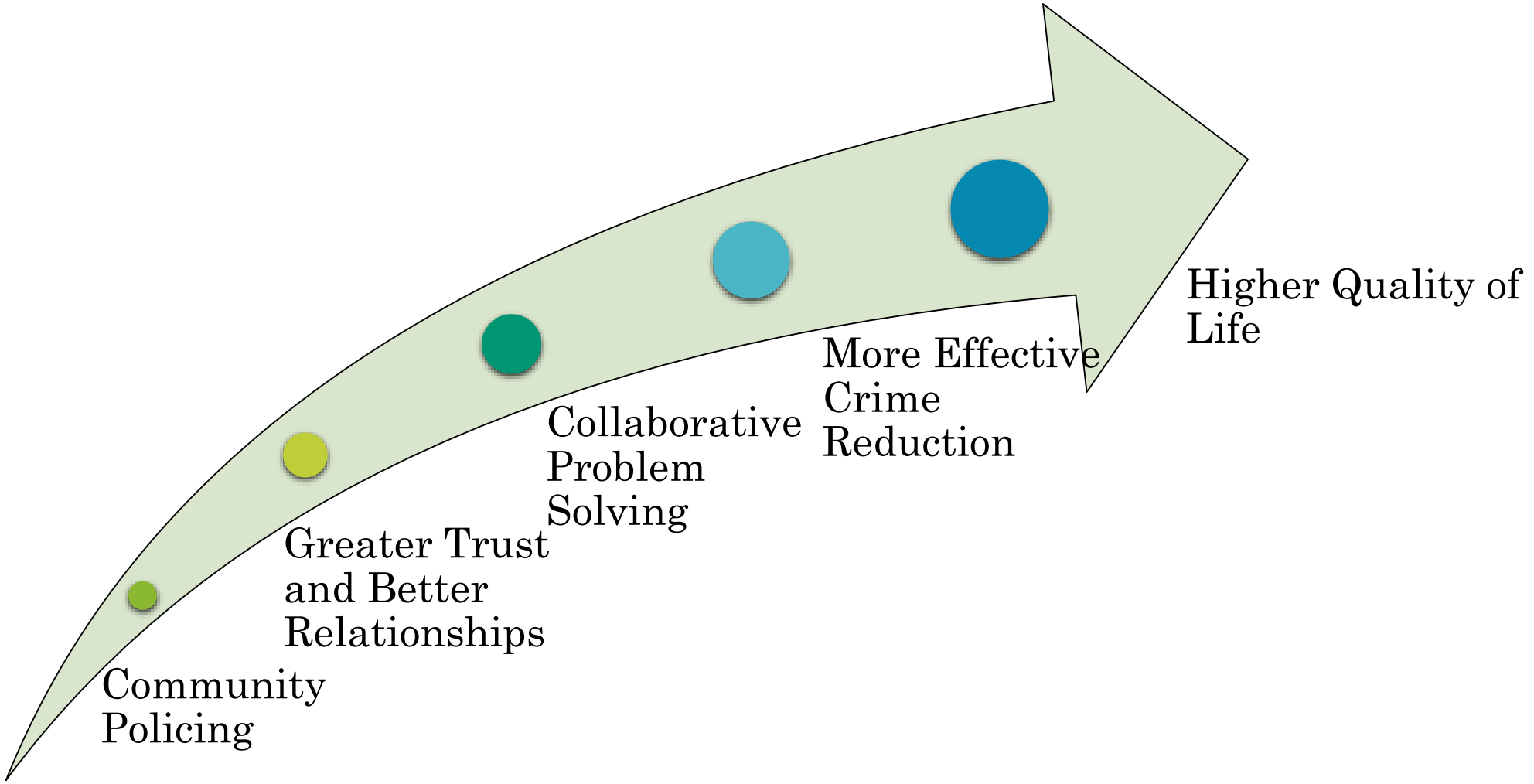
Role in Reshaping the Relationship