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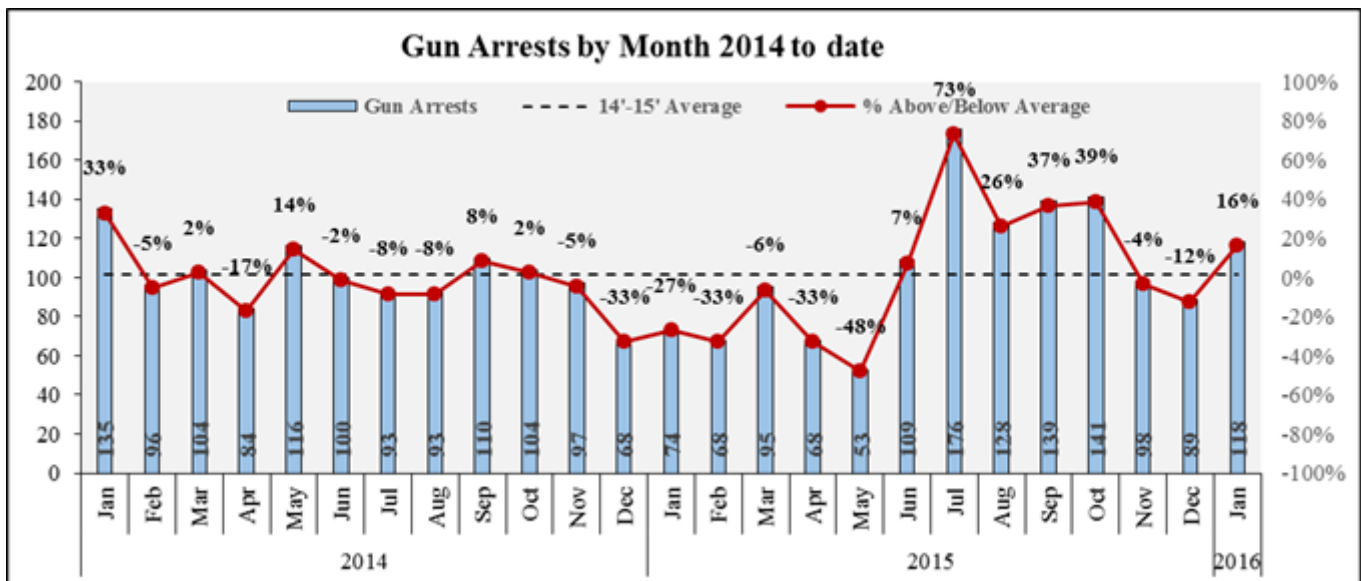
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**SUBJECT:** Police Department Briefing



• **Making Progress**

- **Gun Arrests.** To combat increased gun violence, Baltimore City Police have placed an emphasis on gun arrests in recent months. The Department has remains diligent on removing guns from the street, reporting a 16% increase in gun arrests for the month of January compared to the 2014-2015 average.



- **Clearance Rate.** The Department has shown a significant improvement in its efforts to clear cases in 2016. The Department has implemented a number of efforts to improve clearance rates and address homicide increases including the “War Room,” and the Baltimore Federal Homicide Task Force, which pairs federal agents with members of the City homicide unit. Clearance rate improvement

2016 Clearance Rate (2/8/2016)	
Homicide	70.0
Shooting	46.9

Clearance Rate (12/31/2015)	
Homicide	30.5
Shooting	25.0

- **Needs Improvement**

- **Homicides and Shootings.** Homicides and shootings remain at elevated levels into January, despite enhanced violence prevention efforts. There have been 20 homicides and 49 non-fatal shootings through February 9<sup>th</sup>, trending slightly higher than previous years for the combined total.

