

BOULDER MUNICIPAL COURT

QUARTERLY UPDATE 12-8-22

Hallmarks of the Boulder Municipal Court

- An accessible, efficient & impartial forum to resolve municipal ordinance violations
- Procedural Justice Principles
 - Fairness
 - Transparency
 - Voice
 - Impartiality
- Evidence-based Practices

YOUNG ADULT OFFENDERS

Data, Strategies, Outcomes

COMMON VIOLATIONS

- Minor in Possession of/Consuming Alcohol or Marijuana
- Fraudulent Identification Prohibited
- Noise
- Nuisance Party
- Miscellaneous others

NOISE/ NUISANCE PARTY VIOLATIONS

Used as a proxy for quality-of-life (QOL) violations committed by young adults

Not exclusively committed by young adults

- But most offenders are aged 18 to 25

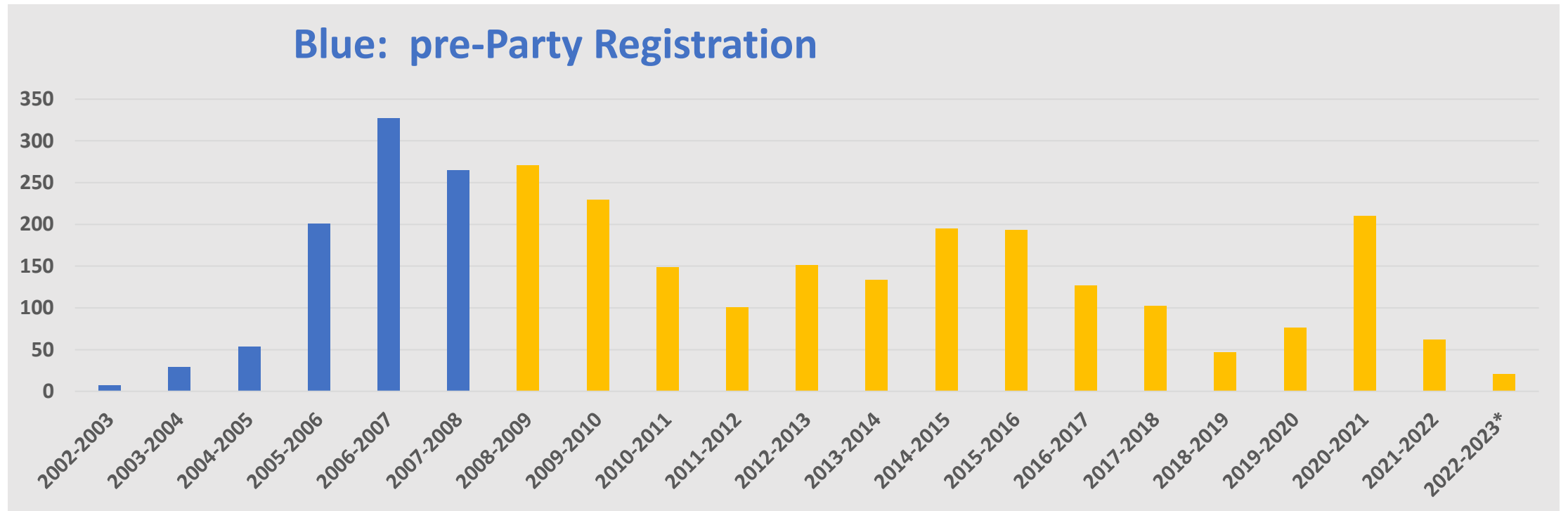
Mostly occur in areas with dense student housing

Excludes Disrupting Quiet Enjoyment of the Home

- Since DQE includes offenders of many ages, addresses

Data is measured the same way year over year

Noise/Nuisance Party Violations by Academic Year



CASE PROCESS

- Violation occurs
- Citation issued
- Offender appears in court
 - Within 7-10 days during August/September
 - Within 2-3 weeks other times of year
- Plea offer is made by prosecutor
- Case is resolved through disposition, trial, or dismissal
 - But very few trials or dismissals



Case Outcomes

Most Resolved with a Deferred Judgment

- Guilty plea is entered
- Case dismissed after 1 year if sanctions completed

Common Sanctions

- Costs and fees
- Restorative Justice through CURJ, Community Mediation Services
 - Results in a contract with additional action items
- Community Living Class (CU offenders only)
- Community Service

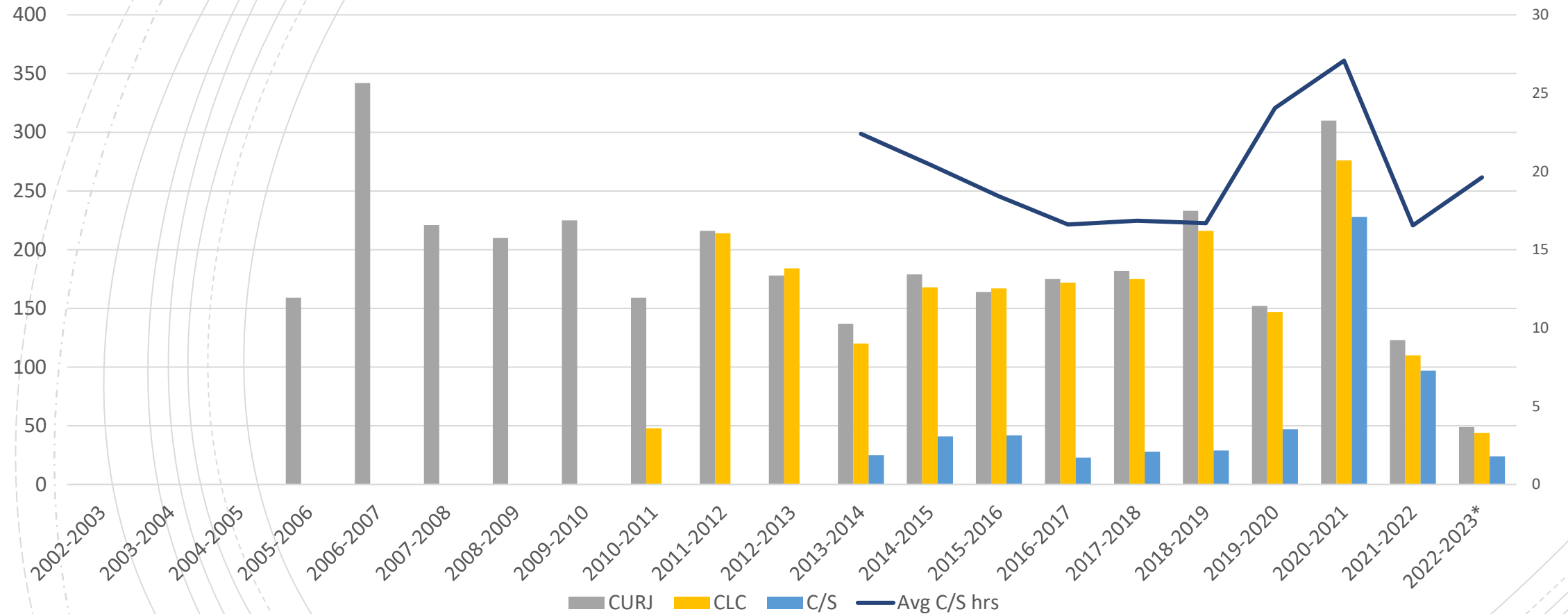
Student Conduct also addresses QOL violations



Key Partnerships

- CU Restorative Justice Program (CURJ)
 - Main RJ provider for CU student cases
 - CURJ staff attend court and conduct intake there
- Off Campus Housing and Neighborhood Relations (OCHNR) at CU
 - Conduct Community Living Class
 - Education on most common law violations
- CU's Volunteer Resource Program (VRC)
 - Oversees Community Service assigned to CU students
 - Encourages continued volunteerism after completion
- COB Community Mediation Services
 - RJ provider for non-CU student cases

Sanctions by Academic Year

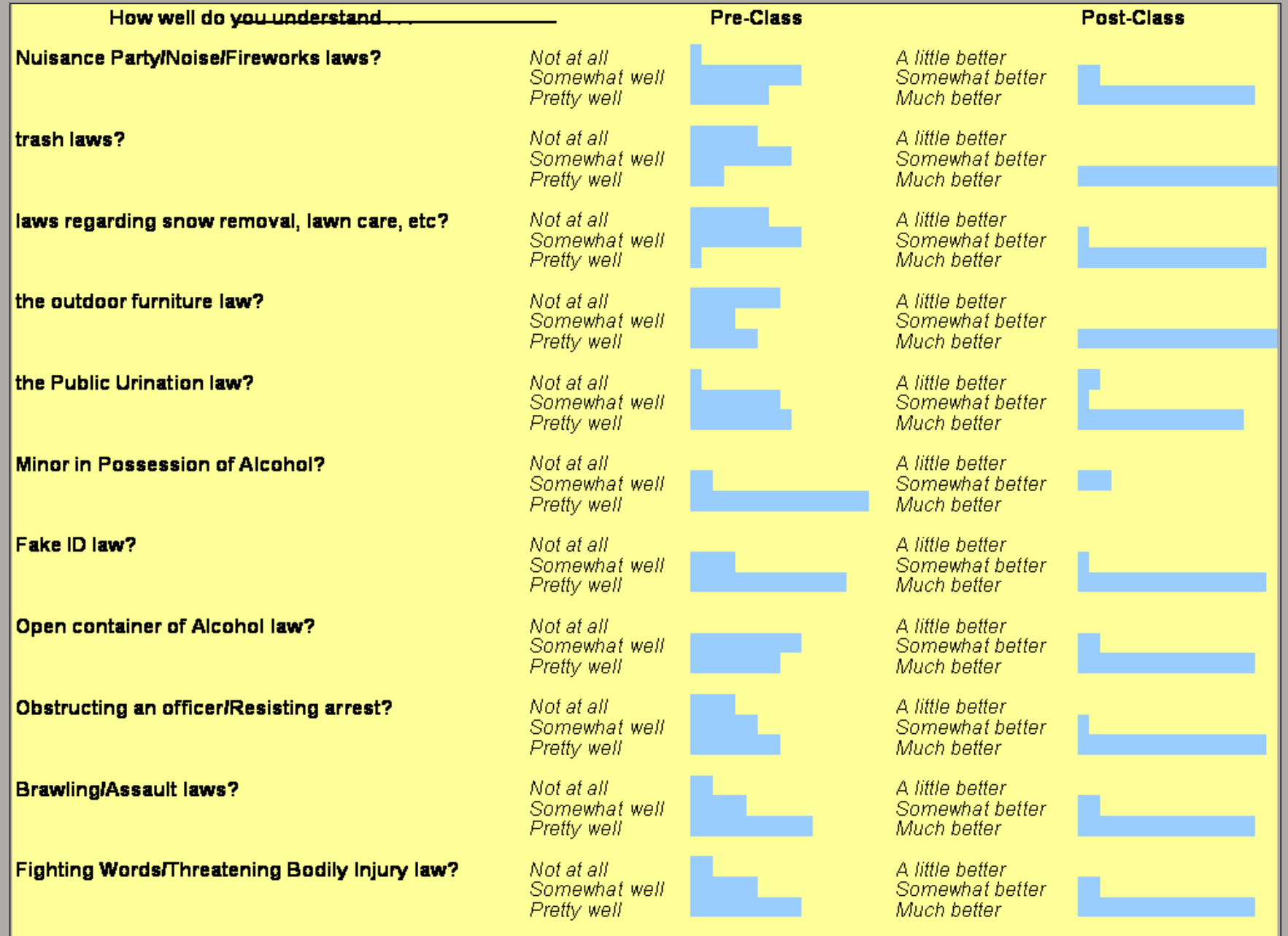


Do These Sanctions Work? CURJ Outcomes

Original Violation Year	# Noise/Nuisance Party (N/NP) Violators	# Violators with Subsequent N/NP Case	# Violators with Subsequent N/NP Case after CURJ	% of Violators with Subsequent N/NP Case after CURJ
2017-2018	102	7	1	1%
2018-2019	47	0	0	0%
2019-2020	76	4	1	1%
2020-2021	210	9	4	2%
2021-2022	62	1	0	0%

Do These Sanctions Work?

CLC Outcomes



Fraternities Present Special Challenges

- Difficult to track violations because sometimes issued to officers
- Leadership changes mid-year, so learning (e.g., CURJ, CLC) is lost
- No apparent methodology for institutional learning
- Sanctions are often experienced most heavily by the most responsible members (leadership)
- GOOD NEWS: IFC on the Hill has become very involved in holding fraternities accountable beyond what occurs in court

New Noise Ordinance (effective 9-1-2022)

15 Noise citations written

- 11 to Young Adults; 3 to fraternities
- Represent 12 incidents
- All but one occurred on the Hill

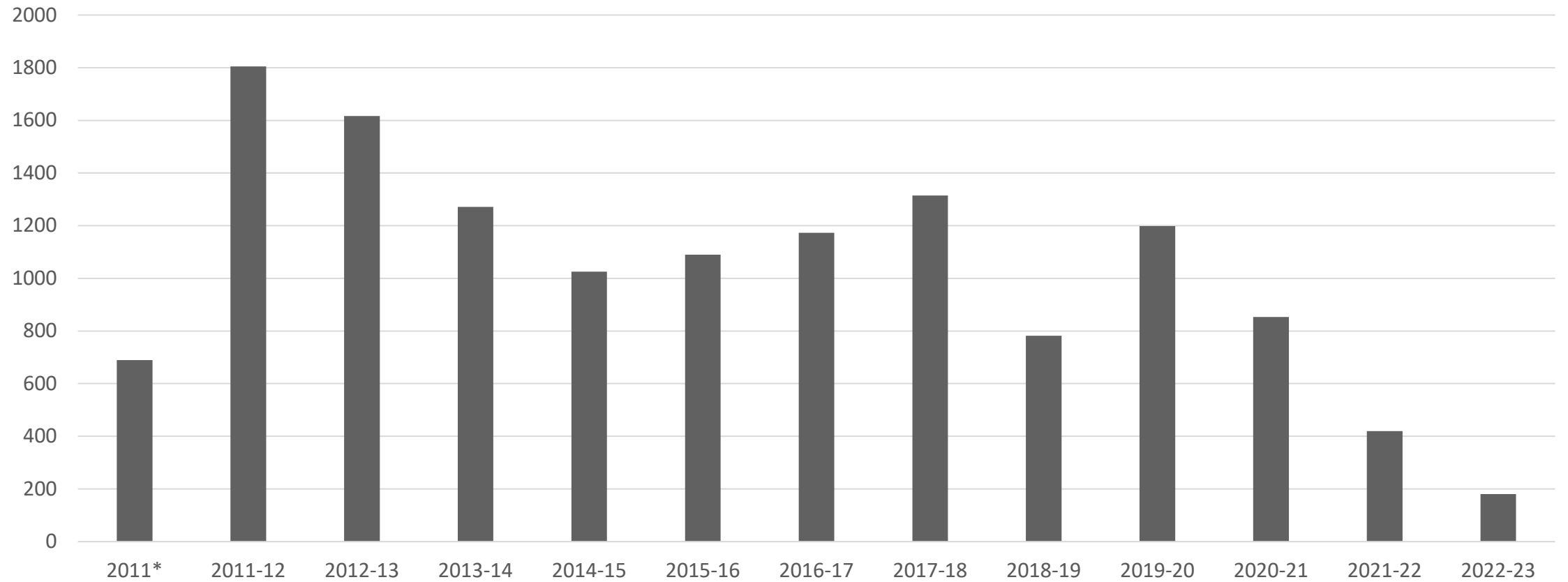
Time of incident

- 4 incidents occurred between 11 pm and 7 am (old ordinance)
- 8 incidents occurred between 7 am and 11 pm (new ordinance)

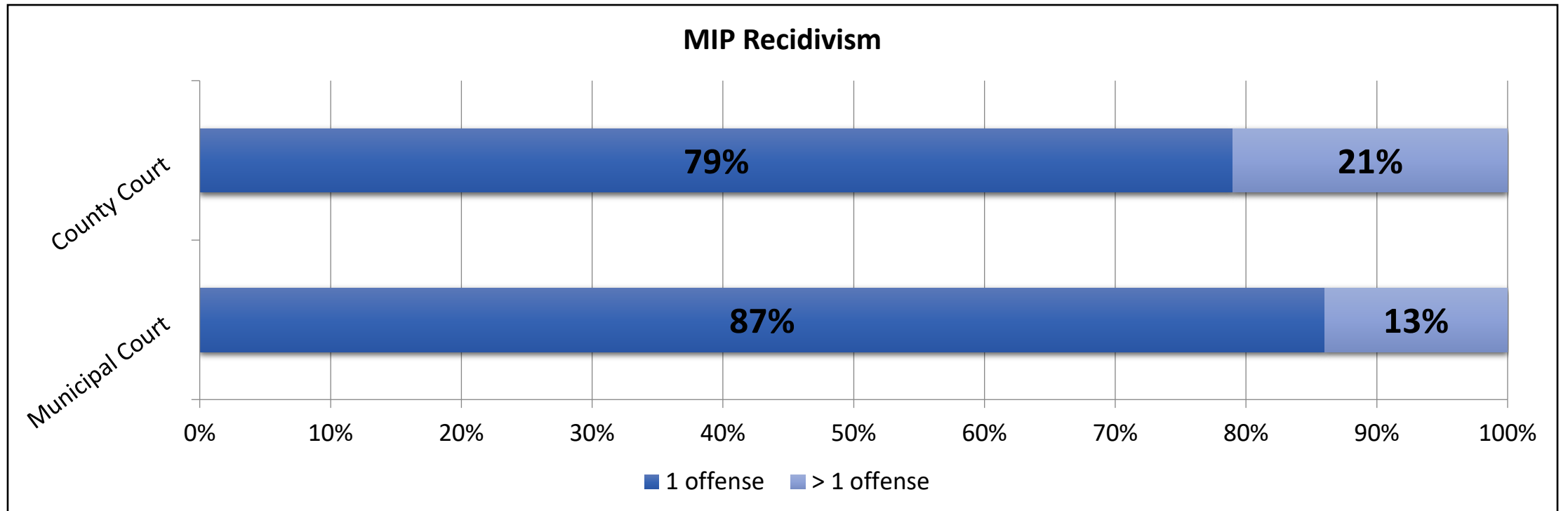
MIP (Minor in Possession of Alcohol/Marijuana)

- Took over from state court in 2011
- Made multiple improvements that reduced recidivism
- Partner with CU for treatment, Community Service
- Filings drastically reduced beginning Fall 2021
 - CU stopped issuing citations for 1st time, on-campus violations
 - Now handled exclusively on campus
- We still adjudicate the following:
 - Violations not committed by CU students
 - Off-campus violations committed by CU students
 - 2nd and subsequent on-campus violations committed by CU students

MIP Case Filings by Academic Year



Outcomes: MIP Cases



Questions?

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