



Gun Involved Violence Elimination Call-ins

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INTRODUCTION

The city of Rochester has experienced an annual average of 46 homicides over the past 5 years, the second highest shooting-victim rate in New York. Approximately 80% of homicides are firearm-related. In response, the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative (GIVE) was designed to prevent and combat such occurrences.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In Rochester, GIVE is a partnership between RIT, Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Probation, Monroe County District Attorney's Office, Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Other involved agencies include the US Attorney Office, FBI, DEA, ATF, FBI, NYS Police, NYS Parole, and Strong Trauma Center.

WHAT are Call-Ins?

GIVE Call-ins are one problem oriented policing strategy to deter offenders from committing violent crimes.

Call-ins are meetings where the GIVE Partners convey a zero tolerance message to carefully-selected participants.

Call-ins are based on the work of criminologist David Kennedy's *Operation Ceasefire* in Boston during the 1990's, which was aimed at confronting gang-related homicides.

Meetings include:

- Ex-offenders
- Community representatives
- Service providers
- Outreach workers

There are two styles of Call-ins administered in Monroe County:

- Focused Deterrence Call-Ins
- Procedural Justice Call-Ins

	FOCUSED DETERRENCE	PROCEDURAL JUSTICE
Participants	Member of gang involved with gun violence.	Newly assigned parolees & probationers with history of gun crime(s)
Location	Courtroom	Place of civic importance
Goal	Violence deterrence & avoidance of victimization	Violence deterrence, avoidance of victimization, & system legitimacy

GIVE Call-ins involve a combination of Local, State, and Federal law enforcement personnel. For those who are involved in a hostile situation that has resulted in violence or has the potential to lead to violence, the GIVE Partners work collaboratively to:

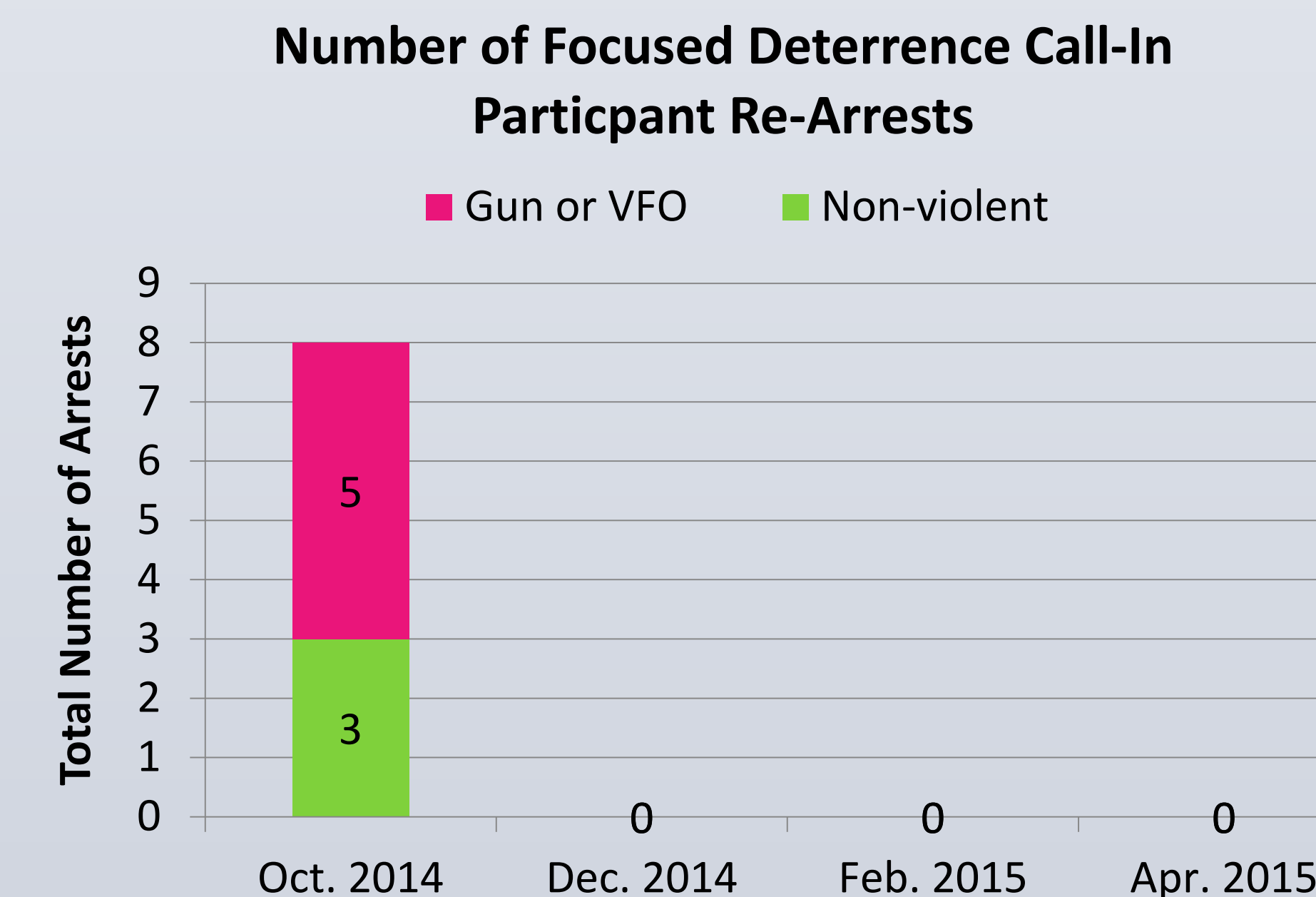
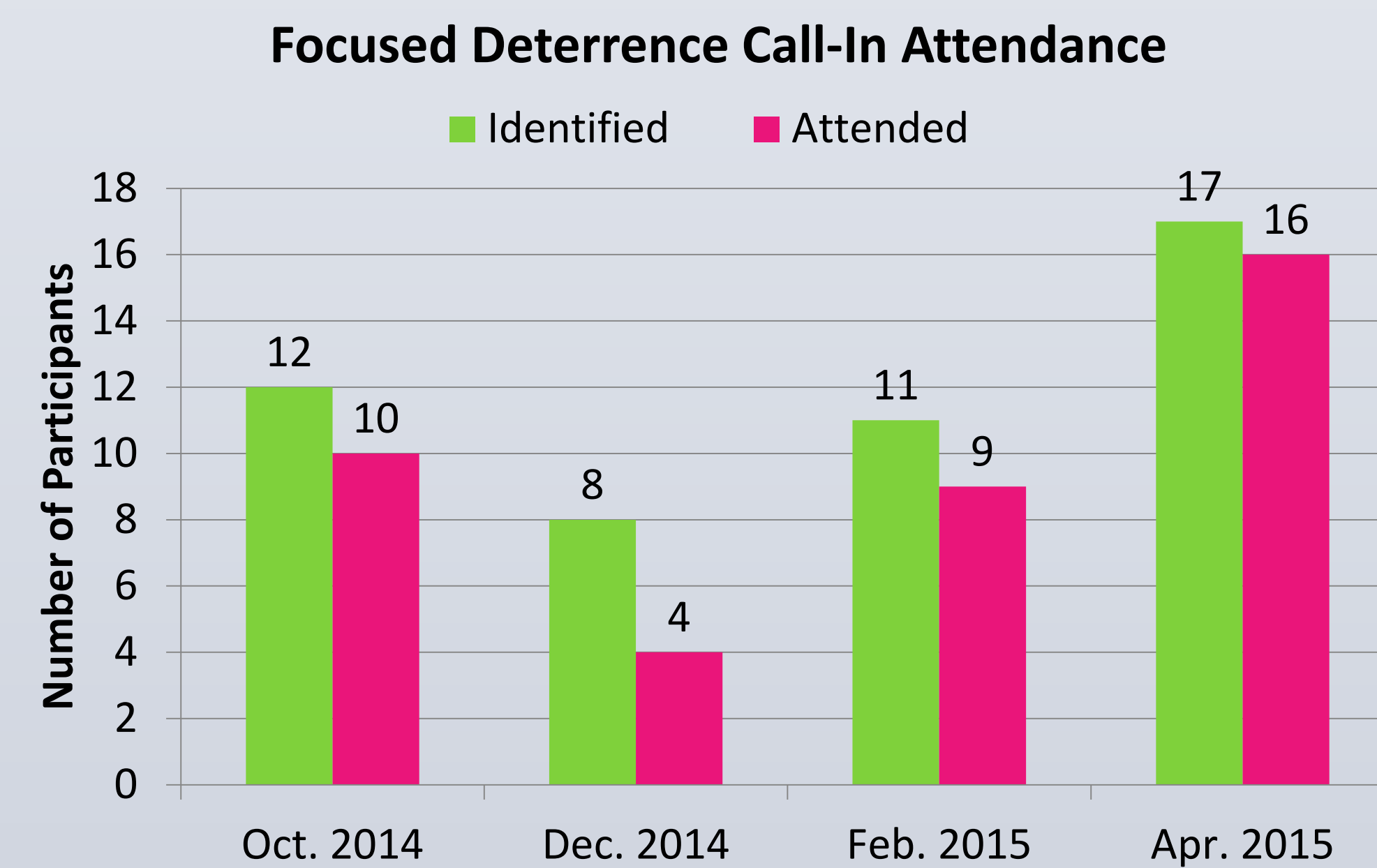
- Identify participants
- Inform participants of possible legal sanctions
- Warn against violence and victimization
- Follow through with sanctions when necessary

WHO are the GIVE Call-in Participants?

Gang affiliated individuals who may have a gun-involved criminal past and are under a form of community supervision. Demographics: generally males, African decent, between the ages of 17-25, who reside in the city of Rochester

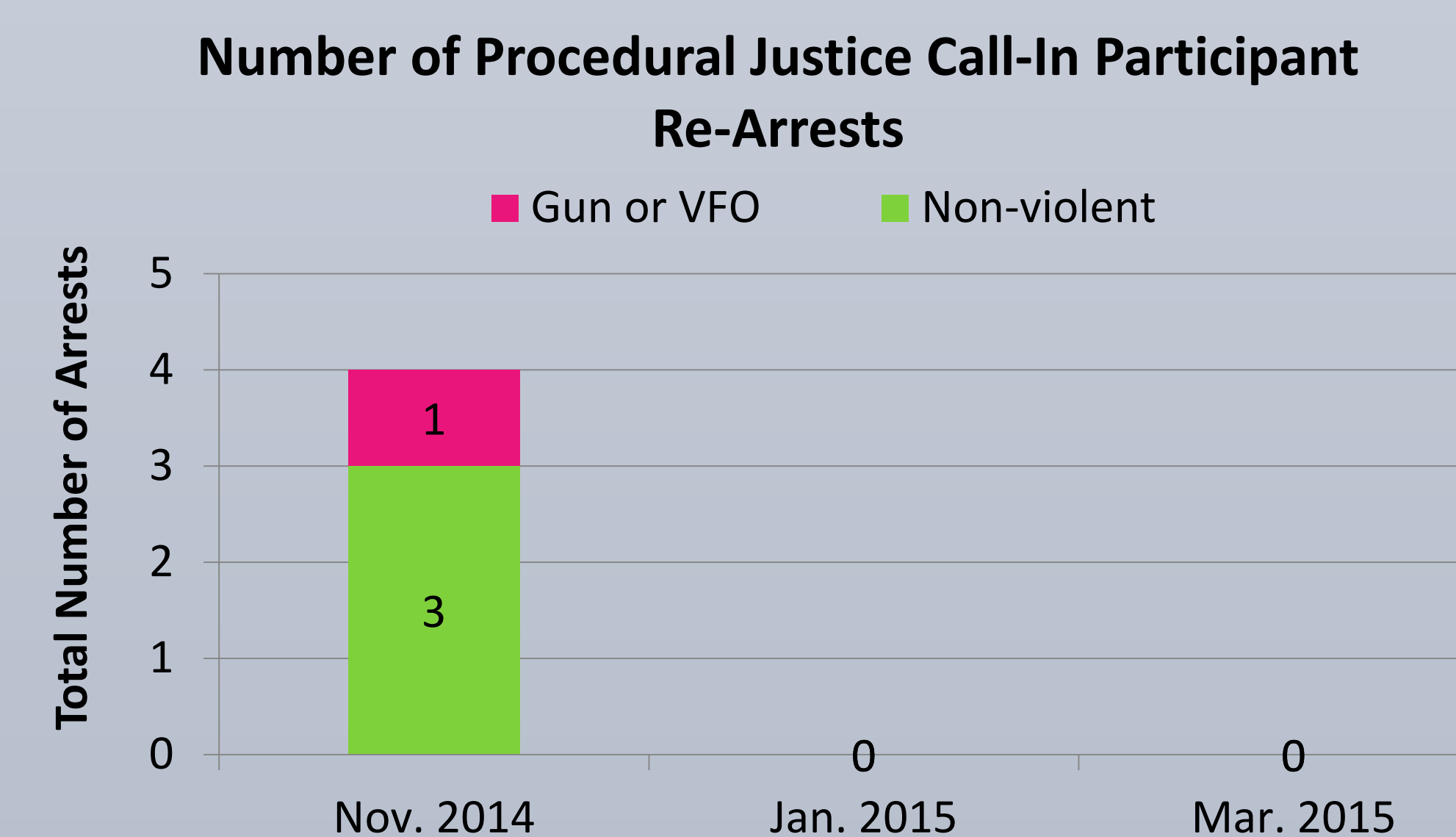
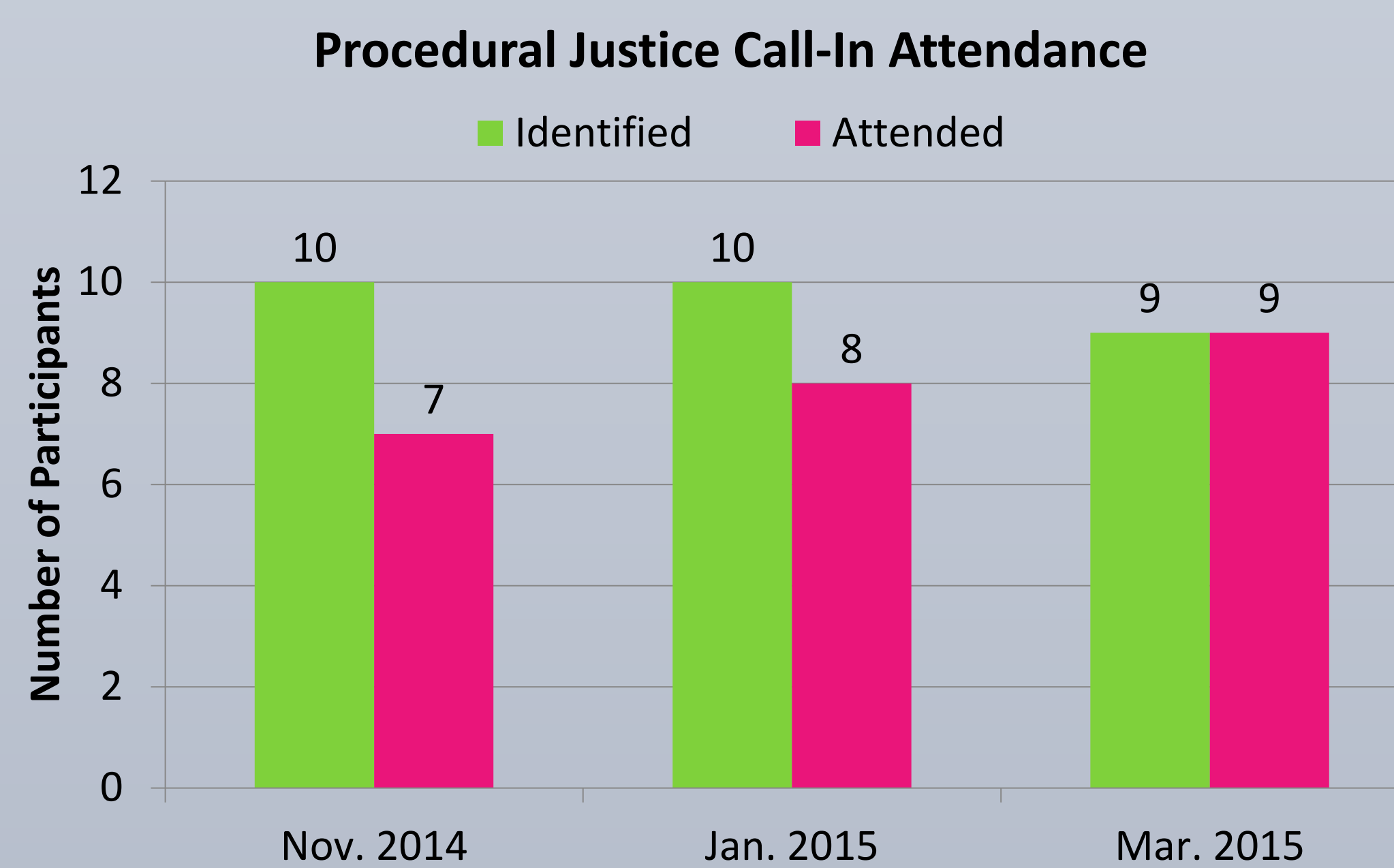
GIVE Offender Focused Deterrence Call-in Summary

- 39 Focused Deterrence Call-in participants
- 5, or 13%, were re-arrested for a new gun-involved or violent felony offense (VFO)

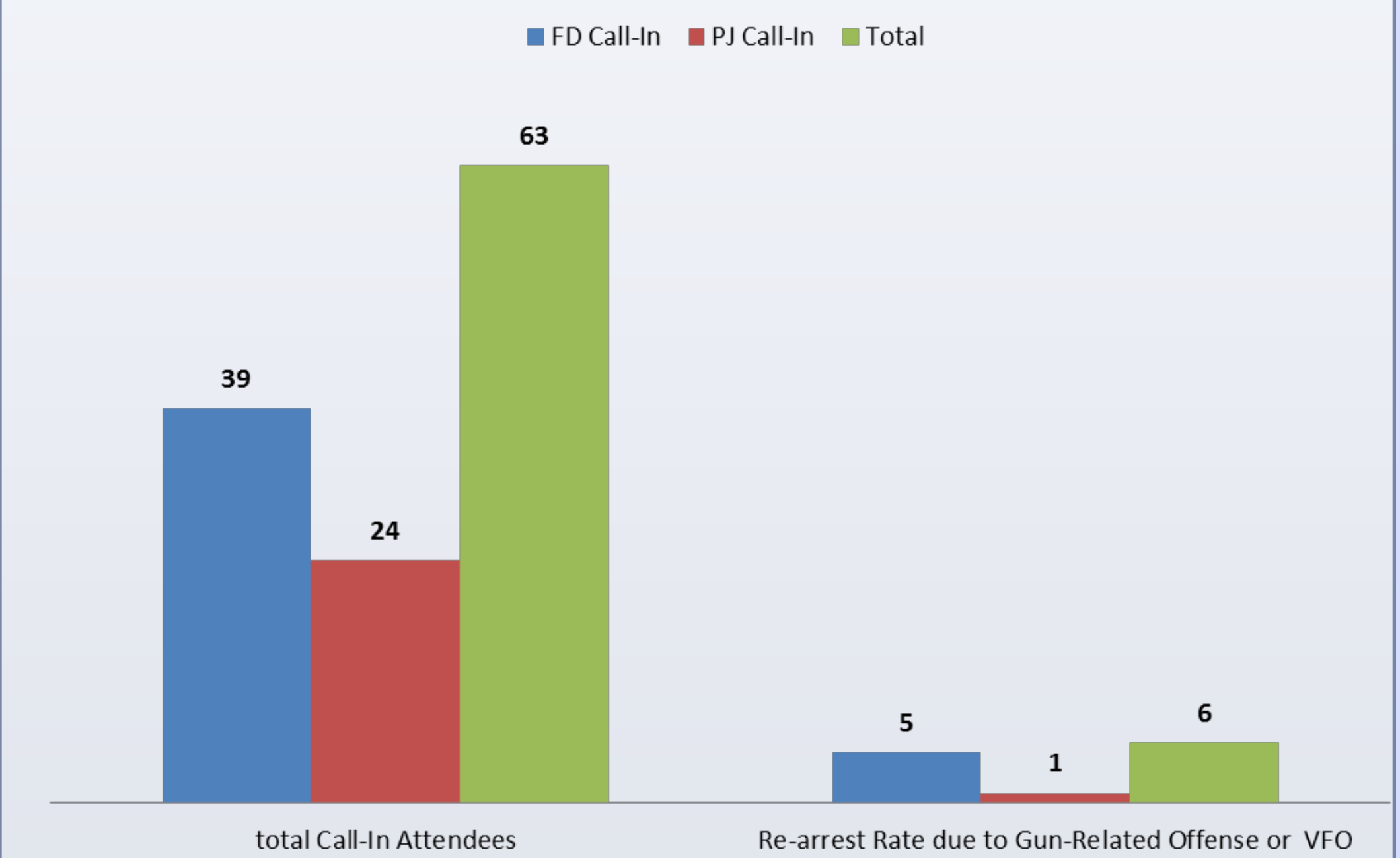


GIVE Offender Procedural Justice Call-in Summary

- 24 Procedural Justice Call-in participants,
- 1 was re-arrested for a new gun-involved or Violent Felony Offense (VFO)
- 96% of all Procedural Justice Call-in participants have *not* been re-arrested for a new gun-involved crime of VFO.



Comparison: Total Participants to Re-arrest



- GIVE Call-in partners have served a total of 63 Call-in Participants between October 2014 and April 2015.
- Six, or 10% of participants, have been re-arrested for new gun-involved crimes or VFOs since their involvement with GIVE.
- The *non-re-arrest* rate for a new gun-involved crime of VFO for all attendees is 90%.

Additional facts about GIVE Call-ins

- A violation may be filed against individuals who fail to attend.
- Make-up sessions are held for individuals who qualify.
- Participants may be transported from the local jail to attend the Call-Ins
- Participants are encouraged to involve their loved ones.

All methodology and data is specific to Monroe County.

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