

# Role of two categories of outreach workers in high-risk mediation to stop neighborhood shootings and killings



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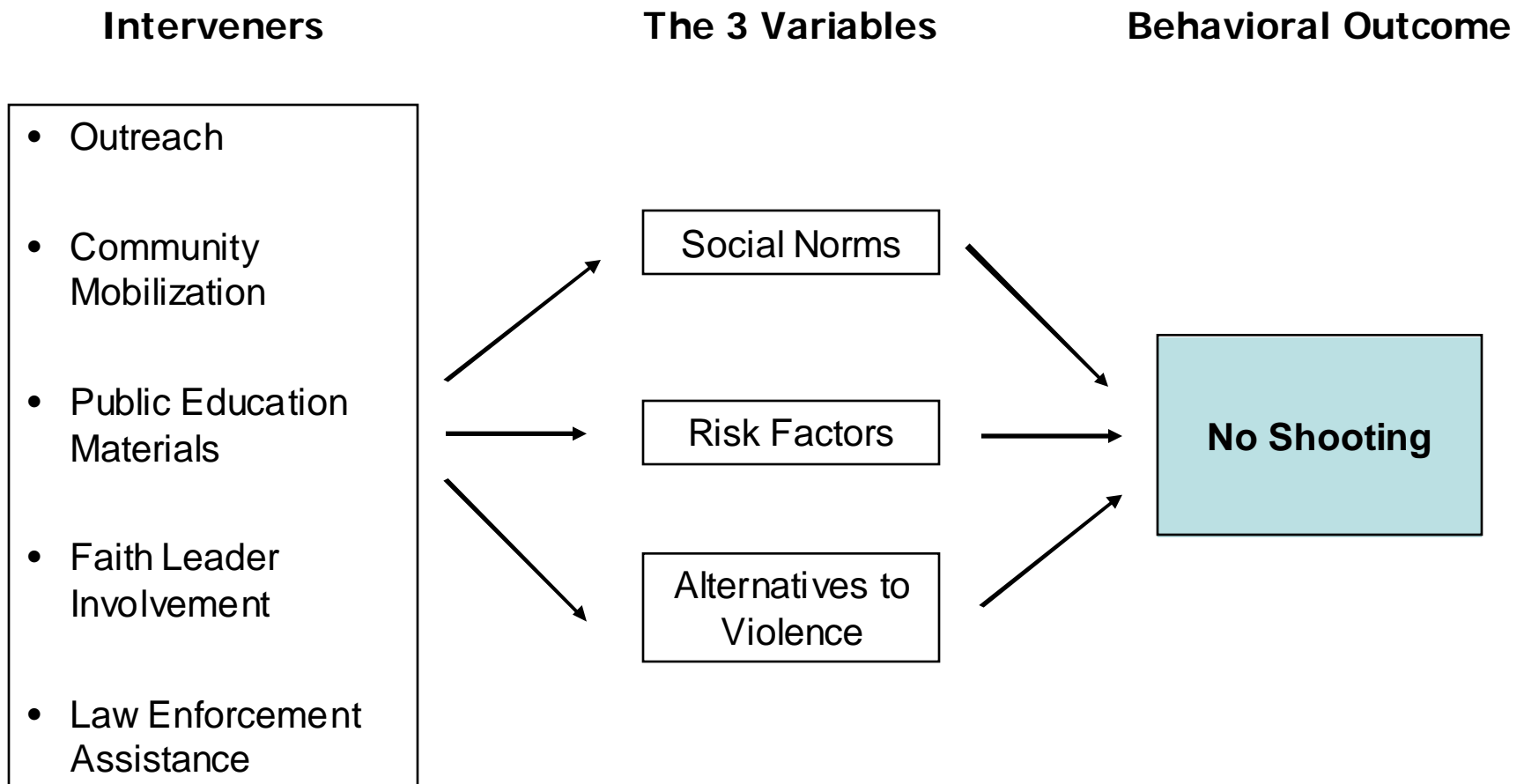
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# The CeaseFire Approach





# CeaseFire Workers

## Violence Interrupters

- Have respect of influentials
- Monitor pulse within and across communities
- Mediate within and among groups



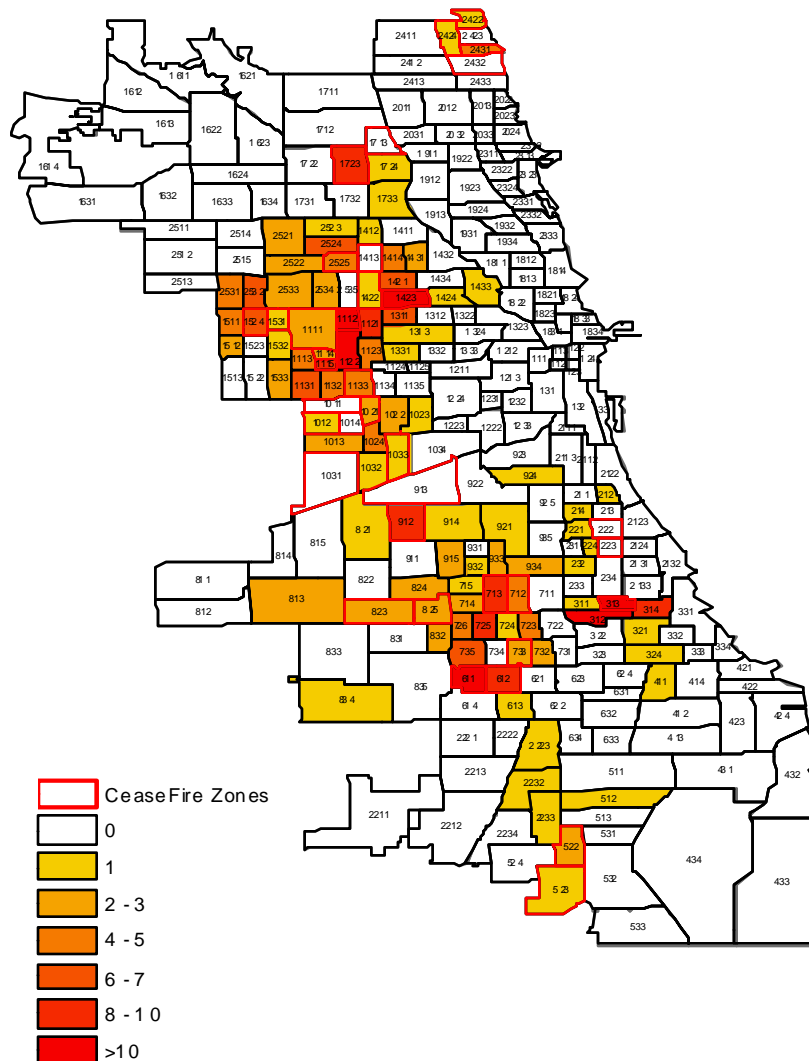
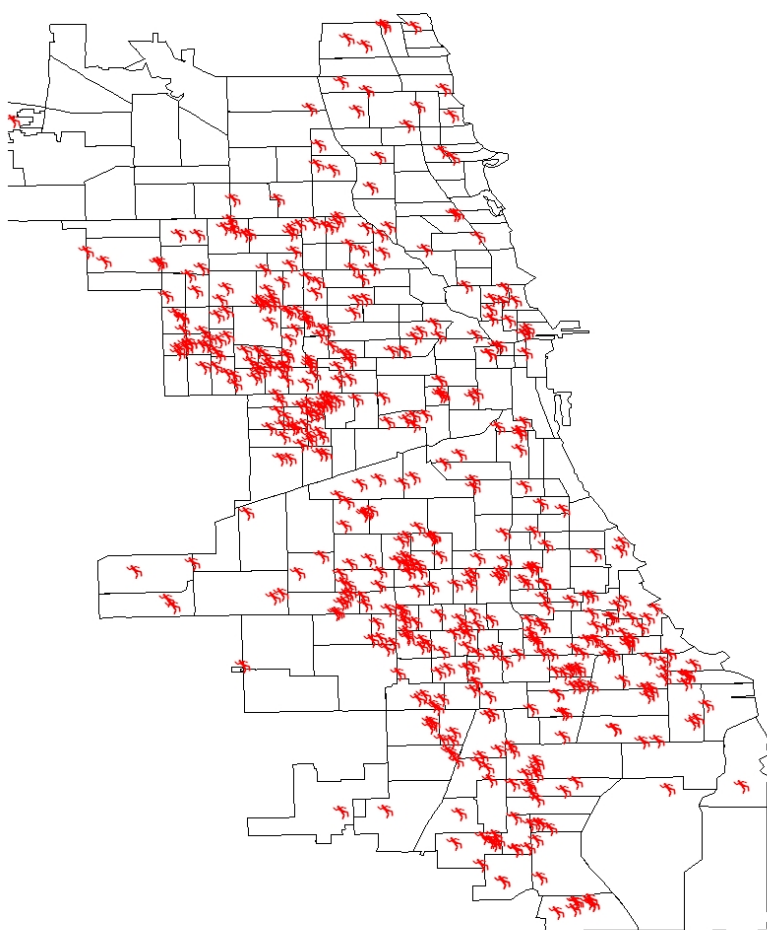
## Outreach Workers

- Build rapport with highest-risk in target area
- Carry caseload of 15-20 clients
- Serve as link to positive path; intensive one-on-one support
- Mediate between individuals





# Killings and Mediations in Chicago - 2006



\*Map shows 355 of 378 Chicago conflict mediations, 23 had no available address Created by the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention, 1/23/2007

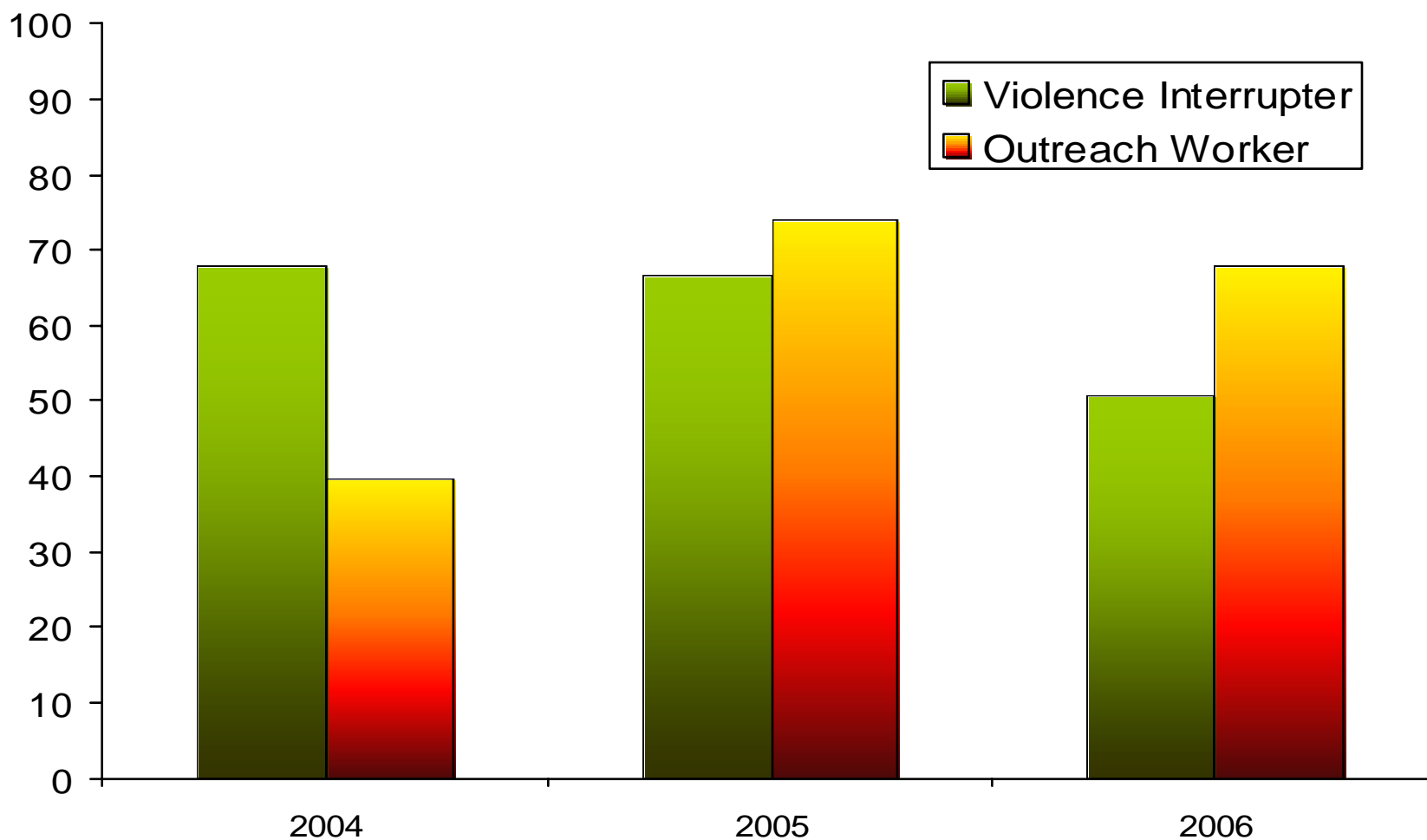


# Number of Conflicts Mediated by Worker Type

	<u>VIs</u>	<u>OWs</u>	
<b>2004</b>	84	73	157
<b>2005</b>	201	146	347
<b>2006</b>	263	174	437
<b>2007</b>	186	209	395



# Percentage of documented conflicts gang-related 2004-2006





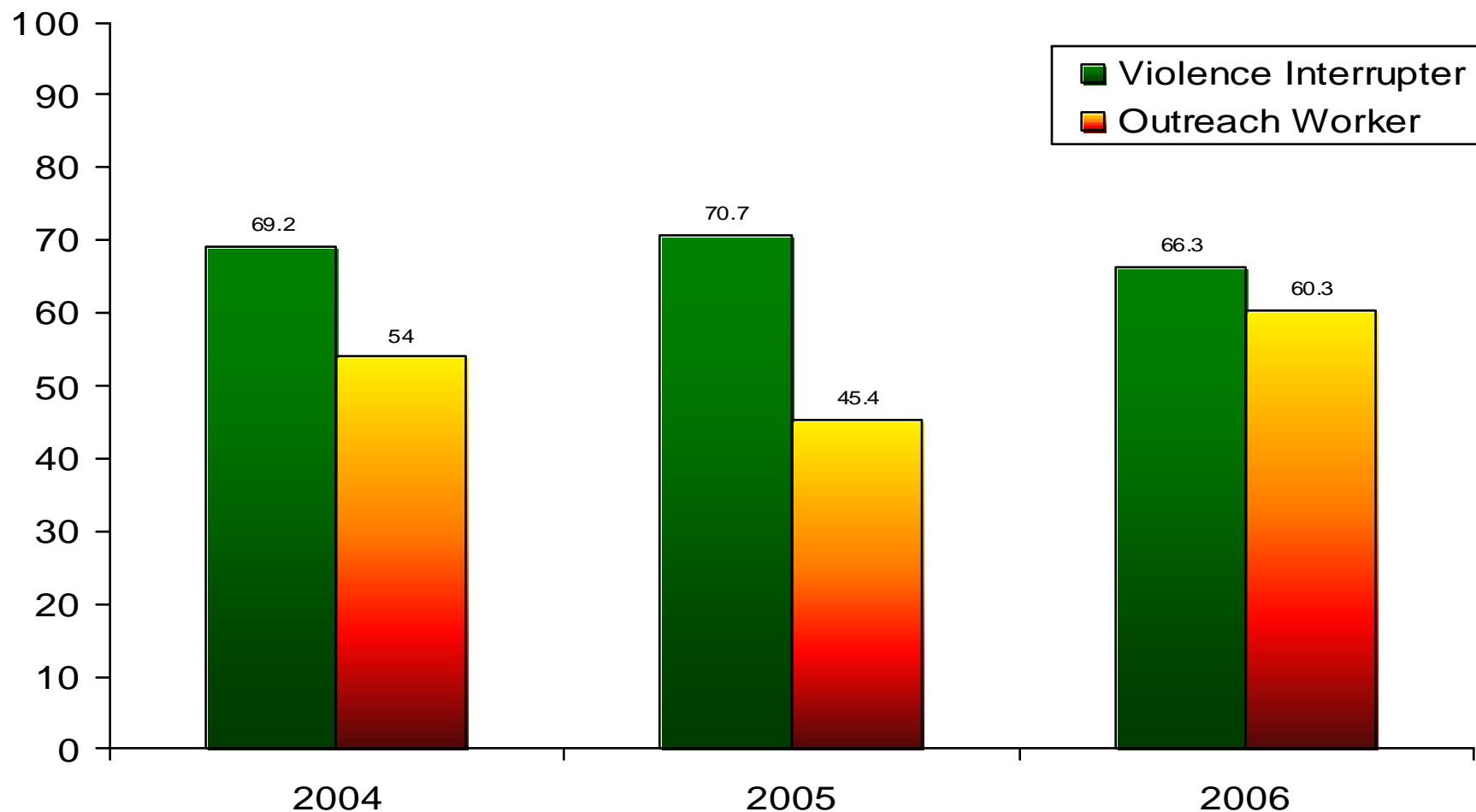
# How is a “high risk” client defined?

- Gang involvement
- Key role in gang
- Prior criminal history
- Involved in high risk street activity
- Recent victim of a shooting
- Between the ages of 16 and 25
- Recently released from prison





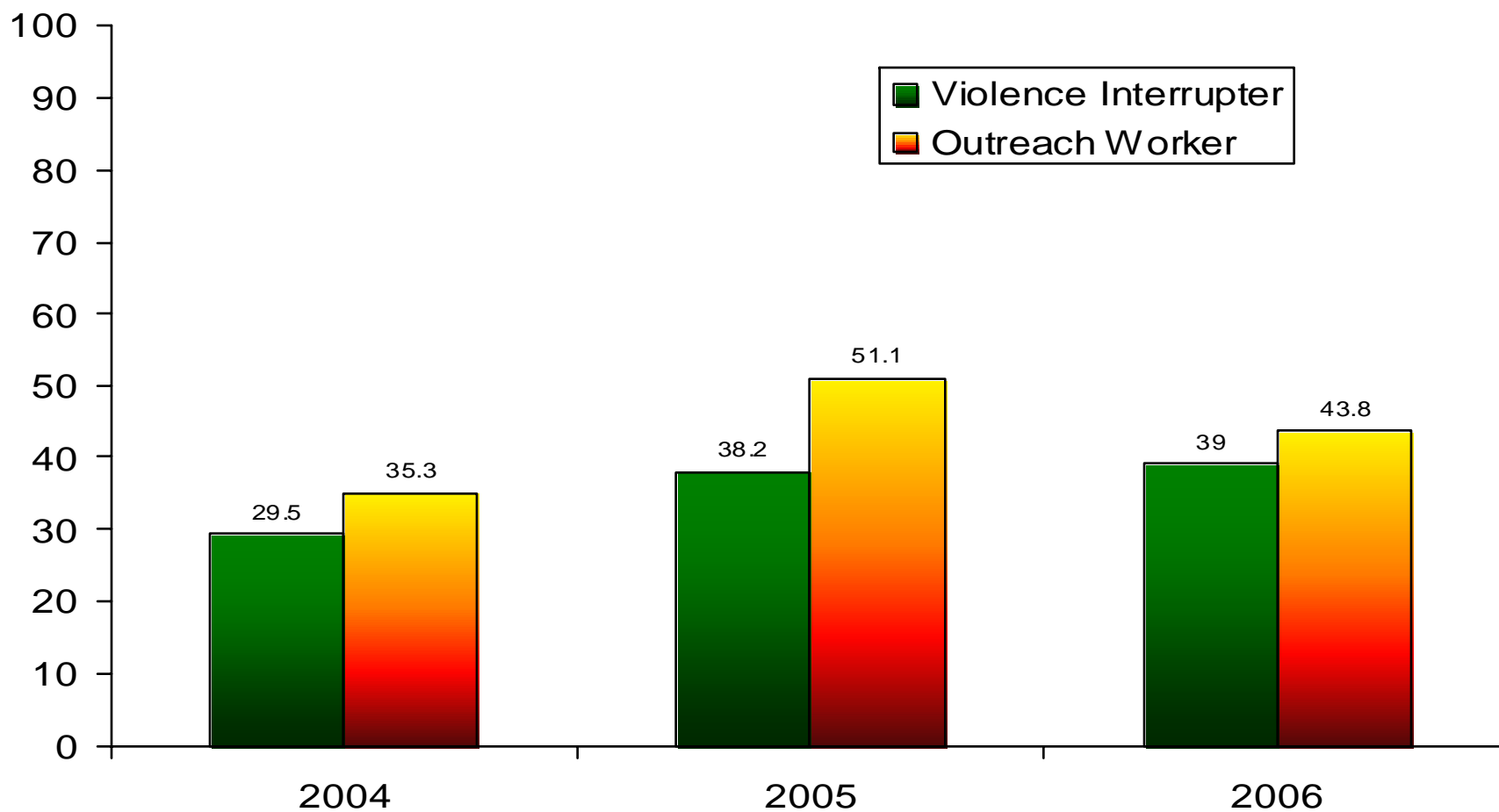
# Percentage of documented conflicts involving a weapon 2004-2006





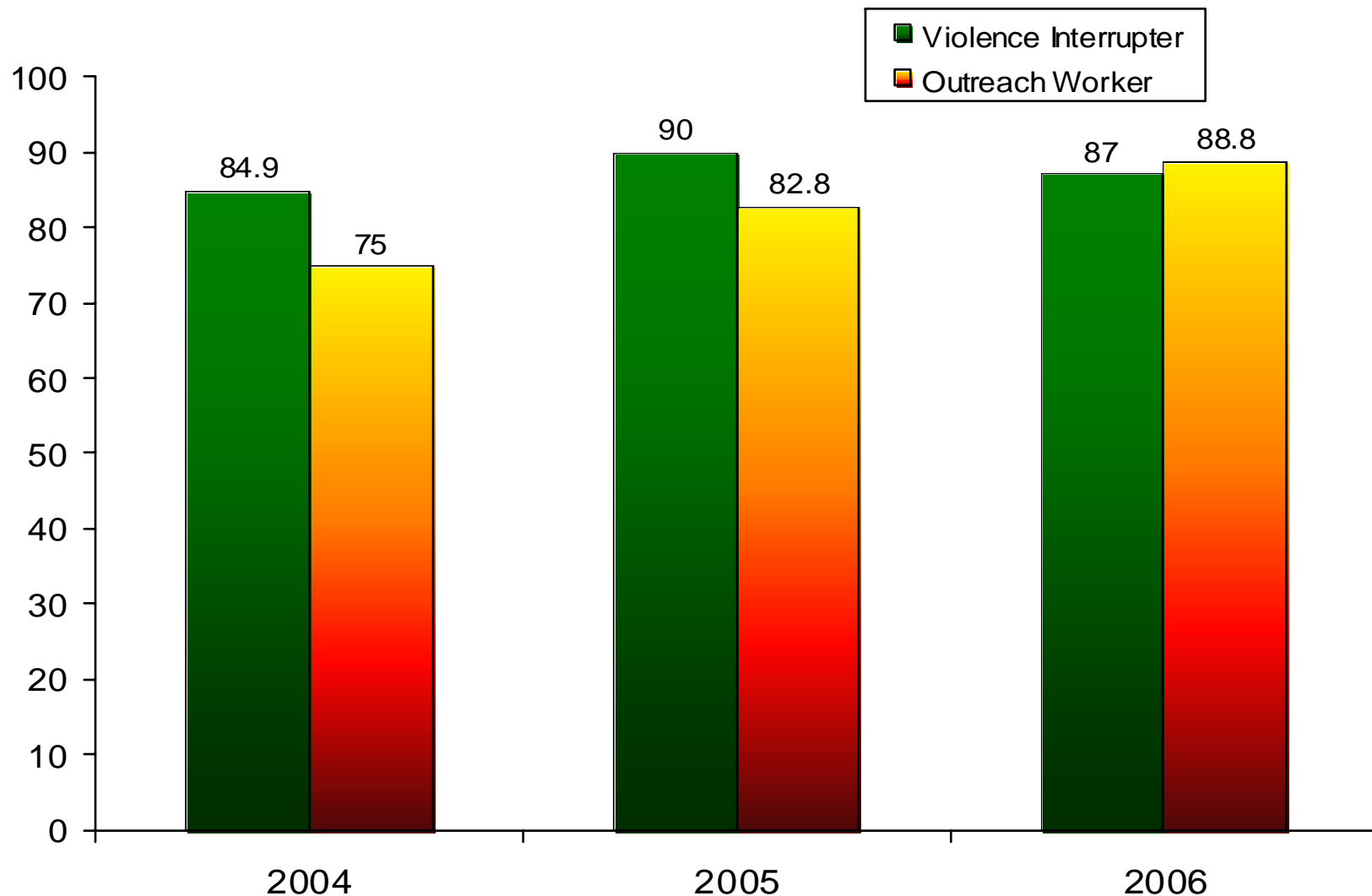


# Potential retaliations prevented 2004-2006

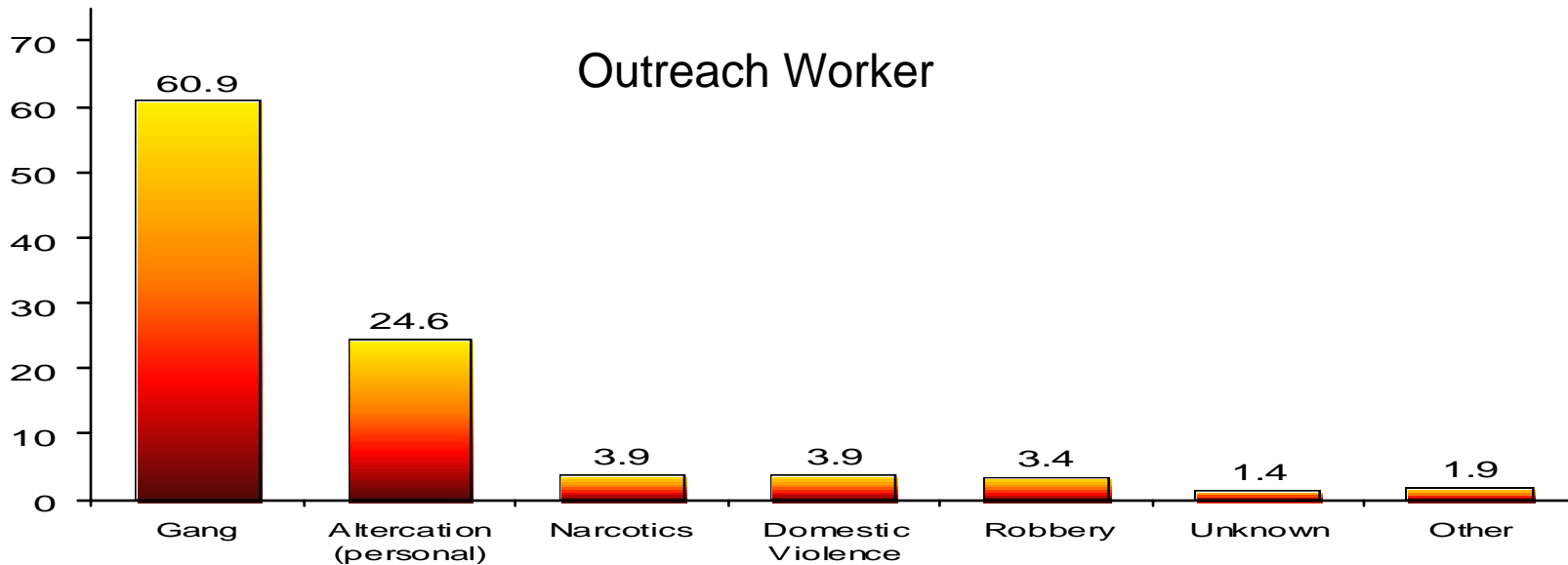
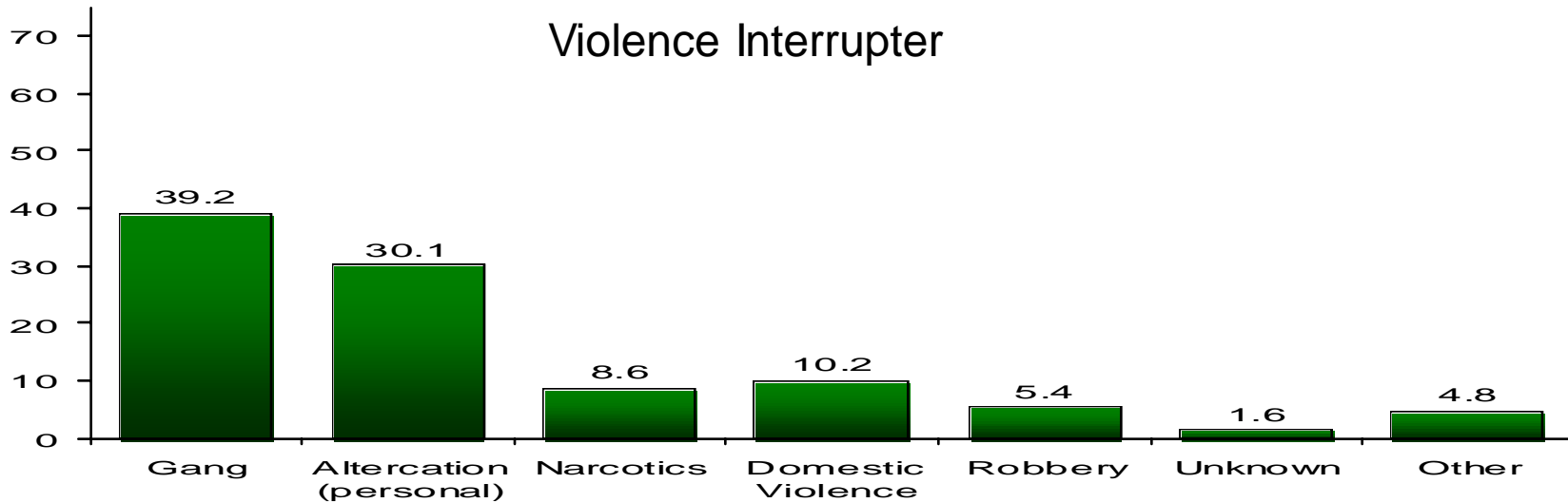




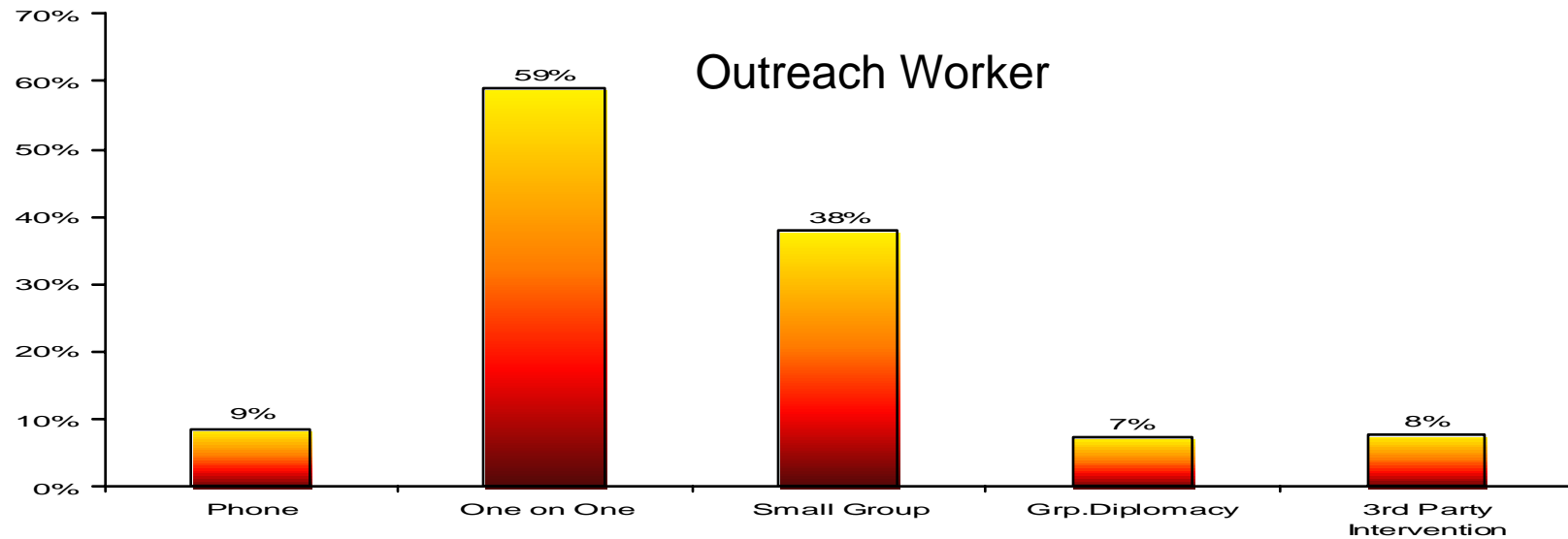
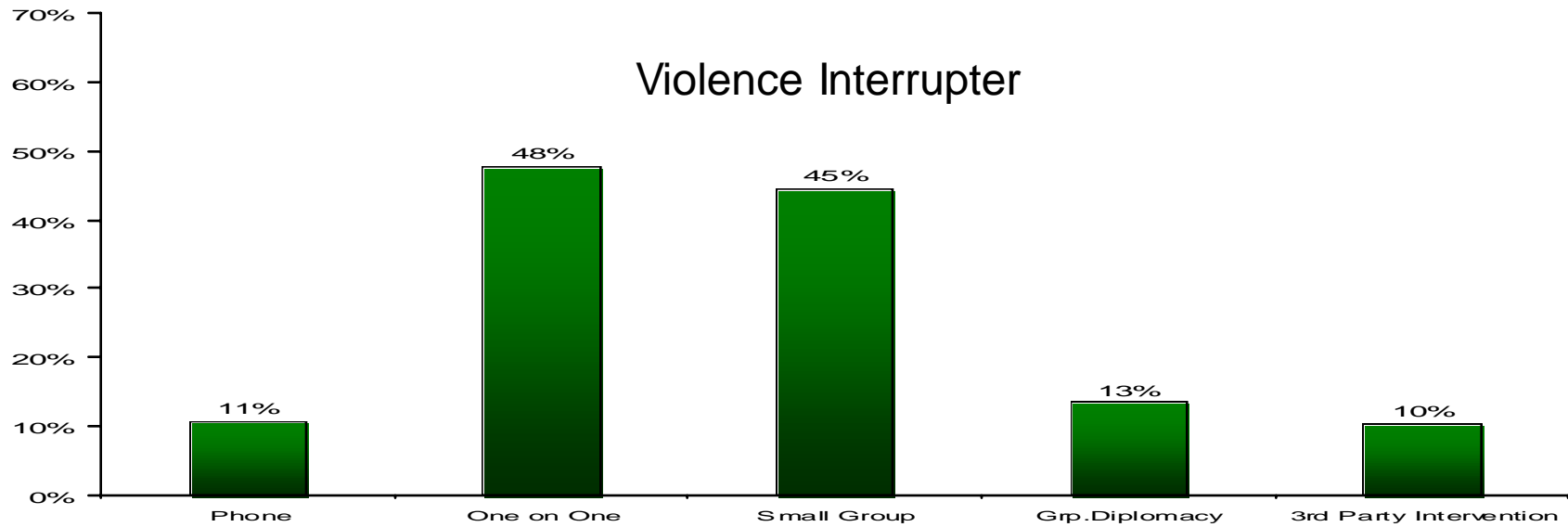
# Very likely or likely to have led to a shooting 2004-2006



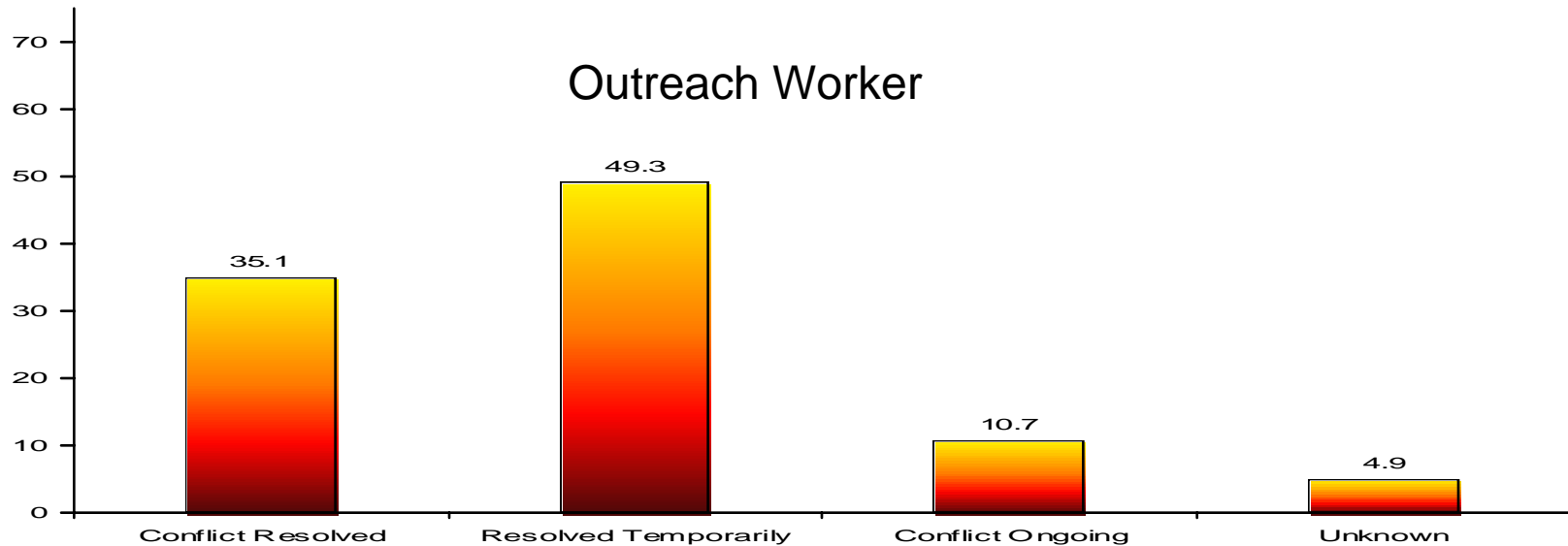
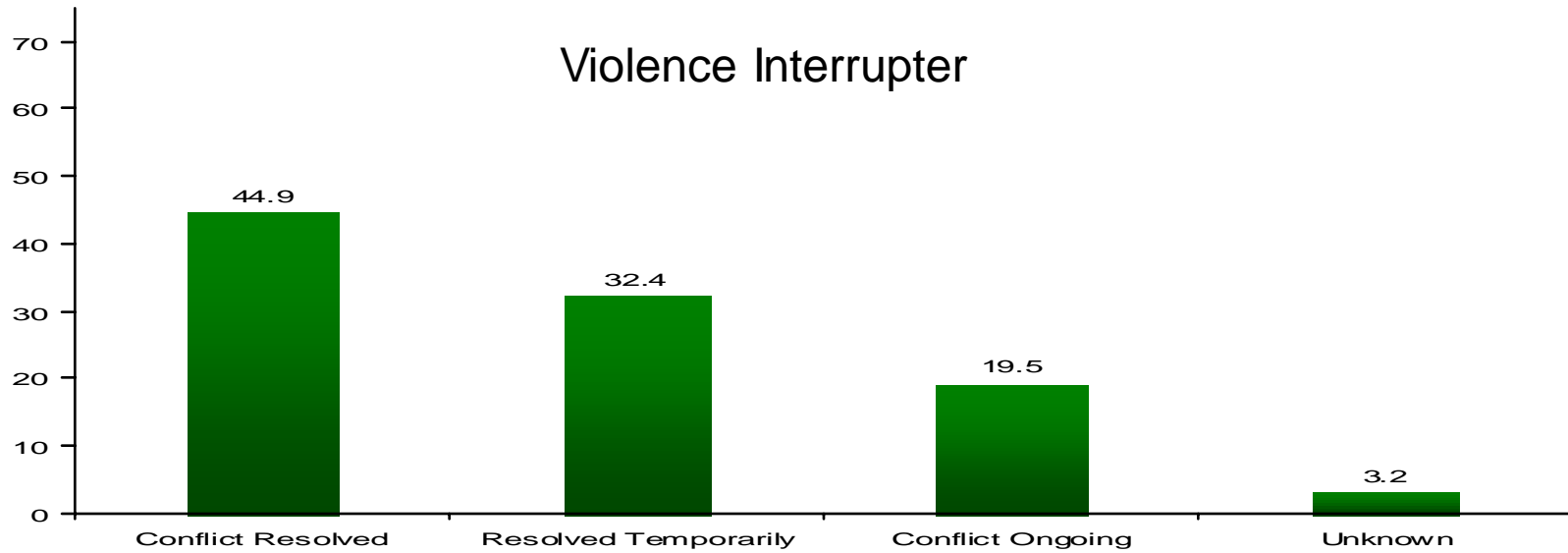
# Reason for conflict (Jan-Sep 2007)



# Type of mediations Jan-Sep 2007

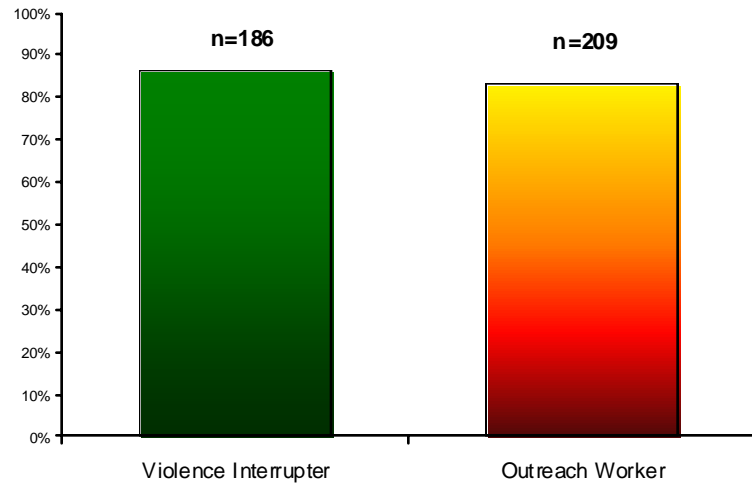


# Mediation Outcomes Jan-Sep 2007

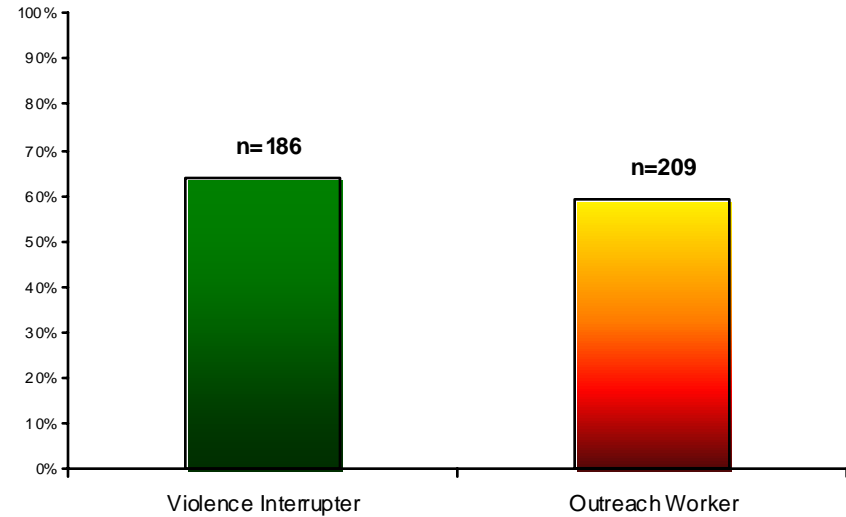


# January-September 2007 conflict mediation analysis

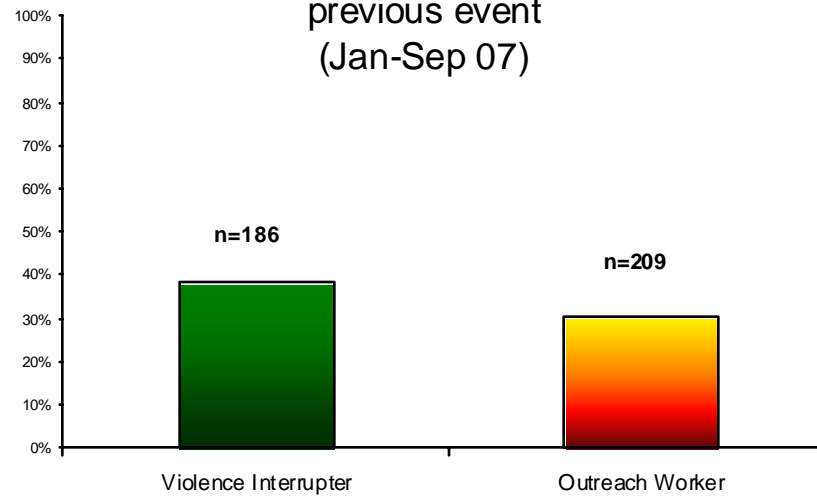
Conflict likely or very likely to have resulted in a shooting (Jan-Sep 07)



Conflict involved a weapon (Jan-Sept 07)



Potential retaliations prevented from previous event (Jan-Sep 07)





# Summary

- Frequency and type of conflict mediation performed by VIs and OWs less difference than initially hypothesized
- Possible explanations:
  - Better recruitment of outreach staff by CPVP
  - Better training
  - Closer connections to highest risk guided by distinct criteria



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