

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 23, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **DPD Update on Summer Crime Reduction Initiatives**

Due to the timing of this request, the briefing materials will be posted Monday, August 26, 2019, prior to the briefing. My office will be providing hard copies of the presentation to each councilmember at the briefing meeting.

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Assistant City Manager

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Presentation Overview

- Background/History
- Violent Crime Analysis
- Summer Crime Task force
- Project Safe Neighborhood
- Central Patrol Initiatives
- Next Steps

Background

- The city is experiencing an increase in violent crime
 - Murder
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Individual Robbery
 - Business Robbery
- The department is focused on reducing violent crime with a focus on Gangs, Guns, and Drugs

Data Driven Response Strategy

- Crime analysis was used to determine the areas in the city that were experiencing the highest volume of violent crime
- 75% of all violent crime was located in the following patrol divisions:
 - Northeast
 - Southeast
 - Southwest
 - South Central

Summer Crime Initiative

Statistical Based Focus Areas

- The analysis focused on violent crime involving gangs, guns, and drugs
- Eight specific target areas, encompassing 33 square miles was identified as top geographic target areas for violent crime in the city
- These targeted areas were then ranked by volume
 - The grid at the southeast patrol division was ranked the number one area for violent crime in the city

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Summer Crime Initiative Enforcement Activity

- Enforcement Activity in targeted areas by Officers from Dallas PD and State Troopers:
 - Over 500 felony arrests
 - Over 400 gang contacts
 - Over 200 weapons seized
 - Over 700 drug seizures

Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)

- PSN began in April 2018 with a common goal of creating safer neighborhoods
 - Collaboration between local, state, federal resources, community leaders
- Partnering with US Attorney's Office, FBI, DEA, DAs Office, US Marshals, ATF and Dallas City Attorney's Office
- Target area – Northeast Patrol area
 - Forest/Audelia & Five Points
- **FOCUS ON VIOLENT CRIMINALS**

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Project Safe Neighborhood Enforcement Activity

- 309 arrests
 - Aggravated Robbery
 - Sexual Assault
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Capital Murder
- 56 Guns seized
- 5,985 grams of marijuana seized
- 148 grams of cocaine seized
- 145 kilos of methamphetamine seized
- 10 kilos of heroin seized

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Central Patrol Violent Crime Initiatives

- Dart PD & DPD collaboration in the Westend
 - Dart and DPD Officers are partnered up to take enforcement action in and around the Dart Transfer Station
- Deep Ellum Action Plan
 - On duty DPD officers, off duty DPD and reserve officers working with the Deep Ellum Foundation to increase police presence and close main Street to control pedestrian and traffic flow
- Roseland Homes Initiative
 - Collaboration with DPD and DHA to have both on duty and off duty officers working on the property 24 hours per day. One Gang Unit officer is also assigned to the property

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Current Statistics

- As of July 31st, there has been a **-5.19%** reduction in overall violent crime for the target areas
- The following specific target areas have also seen a significant reduction in violent crime:
 - Southwest Target Area **-6.82%**
 - Northeast Target Area **-32.65%**
 - East Target Area **-36.36%**
 - North Target Area **-2.33%**
 - South Target Area **-24.00%**

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Community Engagement

- Dallas Police Officers have attended over 275 Crime Watch and community meetings In the target areas
- Officers have generated 26 service request calls to 311 to assist citizens:
 - Homeless assistance
 - Litter abatement
 - Illegal dumping removal
 - Other quality of life issues

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Still Have Work To Do

Offenses	2018 YTD Jan 1 – Aug 20	2019 YTD Jan 1 – Aug 20
Murder	119	143
Aggravated Assault (NFV)	2,359	3,057
Business Robbery	475	676
Individual Robbery	1,927	2,255
Total	4,880	6,131

Next Steps

- Although the department has had success with the summer crime reduction initiatives, violent crime is still higher than 2018
- The department will continue to work diligently in the target areas and focus on getting guns off the streets
- The following slides outline additional initiatives the department is doing to fight violent crime



Next Steps

- The Shooting Response Task Force will respond to the scene of all gang related shootings and all homicide offenses
- This team will develop intelligence information to prevent retaliation offenses
- The Task Force Consists of:
 - 1 Sergeant
 - 4 SWAT Officers
 - 4 Fugitive Officers
 - 2 Gang Unit Officers
 - 2 Operation Disruption Officers
- Transfer additional officers to Gang Unit and Operation Disruption to continue crime fighting in target areas through September

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Next Steps

- The department is working diligently to reduce the occurrences of violent crime through gun tracking investigations and community engagement
- Community engagement
 - South Dallas Coalition (Crime Strategy Community Working Group)
 - Gang Unit in schools, gang summits
 - Gang Intervention Programs within DISD and RISD
- Gang Unit/ATF gun tracking investigations
 - Any offense in which a gun is used will be routed to the gang unit for a tracking investigation and Federal prosecution
 - Gang Intelligence meetings with Desoto PD, Lancaster PD, Duncanville PD and DISD officers

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