A Strategic Plan to Reduce Crime in Memphis and Shelby County, TN
History and Structure
History of Operation: Safe Community

- Part of Memphis Fast Forward, a multi-sector leadership assembly stewarding a shared vision, collaborative planning and collective action in Shelby County.

- Data-driven, evidence-based initiatives

- Engages experts, practitioners, government, citizenry in planning and implementation

- Advocates for local, state, and policy changes to advance plan implementation and public/private sector investment

- 50 person board of directors serving on Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, the quarterback agency: 25 public sector/25 private sector
History of OSC

- First five year initiative in effect from 2007-2011
- Second five year initiative now in effect, 2012-2016
- Will begin planning for the third five year initiative next year
2007-2011 Highlighted Accomplishments

• Reduction in major violent crime in Memphis/Shelby County of 22.8%
• Reduction in major property crime of 25.5%
• Established monthly, publicly released countywide crime statistics
• Sustained robust public/private collaborative
• Expanded data-driven policing model still in use, i.e., “Blue Crush”
• Expanded Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nationally recognized multi-agency law enforcement team focused on gun-related violence
• Established model for statewide “Public Safety Action Plan”
Overview, Strategies, Focus on Priorities
Five Goals

• Reduce violence in the home

• Reduce gang and drug crime

• Reduce blight, problem properties, and crimes in apartment complexes

• Reduce adult repeat offenses

• Reduce youth violence.
26 strategies, 62 action items, more than 100 public and private agencies

Supported by:

• Accountable partners responsible for meeting long and short term objectives
• Reporting on a quarterly basis to the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission.
• Church-School Partnership
• Safeways (Targets Crime in Large Apartment Complexes)
• Defending Childhood Initiative
• Family Safety Center (Works to prevent Domestic Violence)
• Drug Dealer Eviction Program
• Drug Court
• Clergy Police Academy

OSC Strategies

• Data-Driven Policing
• Multi-Agency Gang Unit
• Project Safe Neighborhoods (Prosecution of Crimes w/Firearms)
• Increased Sentences for Crimes w/Firearms
• Mandatory Incarceration for Repeat Domestic Violence offenders
• Strengthened Nuisance Laws

• Office of Reentry
• Community Impact Program
• Represent. Everyday (School Attendance Initiative)
• School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (S.H.A.P.E.)

• Truancy Initiative
• Blueprint for Safety
• Stewards of Children Training (Training for Trauma Identification)
• Pre-K Expansion

Prevention
Intervention
Suppression
Memphis/Shelby County Crime Data
Types of data currently tracked:

• Crimes reported and crime rates for Memphis and Shelby County, including: Major Violent Crime (Murder, Rape, Aggravated Assault, Robbery), Major Property Crime (Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft), Domestic Violence, and numbers of youth detained for or victims of crime.

• Comparison of Crimes involving Firearms for Memphis and Unincorporated Shelby County (Project Safe Neighborhoods report)

• Tennessee Offense Crime Trends Report from TIBRS for Major Violent Crime and Major Property Crime

• Various indicators relating to drug addiction and drug trafficking, including meth lab seizures, Children removed from homes due to substance abuse as a contributing factor, drug overdose deaths, and traffic fatalities due to substance abuse.
Data analysis and performance metrics help:

• Measure progress on reduction of crime
• Define and refine the approach to OSC action items
• Determine the most strategic deployment of law enforcement personnel
• Define advocacy needs
Questions

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