

OPERATION: SAFE COMMUNITY

A MEMPHIS FAST FORWARD INITIATIVE



A Strategic Plan to Reduce Crime in Memphis and Shelby County, TN

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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”

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**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

- 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

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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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