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OPTIMAL RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Community First Public Safety Framework

RESPONSE TO CRIME/CRISIS

CRIME AND VIOLENCE



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Prevent and respond to incidents of violent, dangerous, and criminal activity in our city.

Examples:

- Police Officers
- Fire Fighters
- Paramedics

CRISIS AND CONCERN



CRISIS INTERVENTION

Interrupt cycles of crime and violence, and lighten the load for officers by engaging professionals as rapid responders to connect people in crisis to supportive resources.

Examples:

- Social Workers
- Community Public Health Workers
- Housing Counselors

PROACTIVE INVESTMENTS

RESIDENTS



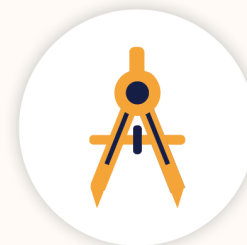
EVIDENCE-BASED CRIME REDUCTION

Data-drive investments to reduce high-potential residents' likelihood to become an offender or victim.

Examples:

- Grief Counseling
- Youth Jobs/Summer Programs
- Workforce Training
- Housing for Returning Residents

NEIGHBORHOODS



SAFETY BY DESIGN

Investment in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in our highest-potential neighborhoods.

Examples:

- Lighting and Sight-Line Improvements
- Activation of Public Spaces
- Natural Access
- Cleaning and Maintenance



Community First Public Safety Commission's Five Major Areas of Desired Impact

More appropriate responders for each situation who can best assist those in need

Decriminalize behavior & response, particularly for people & communities of color

More efficient deployment of law enforcement; Reserve & focus police resources for where they are most needed

Focus on prevention and community safety

Improve systems & increase accessibility

OPTIMAL RESPONSE TEAMS ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL

COAST

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
AND STABILIZATION UNIT

Mental and Chemical Health

Criminal Justice Diversion

CARES

COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE
RESPONSE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mental and Chemical Health

Unsheltered Homelessness

Low-acuity Medical

Medical Crisis Diversion

HART

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE RESPONSE TEAM

Unsheltered Homelessness

Homeless Encampment Management

Project PEACE and ASPIRE

Community Violence
Intervention (CVI)

Group Violence
Intervention (GVI)

Crime Prevention

Office of Neighborhood Safety

Community First Public Safety





Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES)

September 2022 – present:

- 26 service responses
- 22 individuals connected to services

Team activation through:

- CARES initiated Dispatch of basic life support (BLS) transport
- City referrals from
 - COAST
 - HART
 - Fire Department and EMS
 - Service Providers

Call Types:

- Behavioral Health
- Low-acuity medical situations
- Intoxication
- Adult vulnerability
- Chronic system users
- Unsheltered homelessness
- Relocation
- Encampment assistance



CARES Team Highlights

- Individual struggling with addiction and told EMS they wanted help
 - 28 calls in 4 months
 - CARES established a treatment plan with Hennepin County Hospital
 - Coordinated transportation with SPFD BLS unit to start treatment process
- Referral to follow-up with an unsheltered resident at Bruce Vento Park
 - Individual suffered from severe open leg wound requiring hospital treatment
 - Wound was result of using new drug “Xylazine”
 - Resident is a refugee with trauma associated with health care
 - CARES contacted Regions hospital for direction on infield treatment
 - Built trust with individual to advocate for their long-term medical needs



Community Outreach and Stabilization (COAST)

Recovery Access Program



261 individuals served



146 supportive services referrals



73 chemical health assessments

Mental Health Resource Team



1,234 cases referred



722 supportive services referrals



433 mental health assessments



Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART)

Successfully closed 6 large encampment sites since June 2022

- No police or fire action needed at any closure
- 11 referrals into Ramsey County Highway to Housing Program
- 25 Housing Assessments
- Successful on-site coordination with multiple service providers:
 - Catholic Charities and Listening House dedicated staff to several closings
 - COAST provided assessors for both mental health and chemical dependency
 - CARES active interventions at Bruce Vento closing and Smith Ramp
 - SPPD provided regular coordination at all sites
 - SPFD assisted with fire safety assessments prior to closures
 - Breaking Free accompanied Outreach to assist with advocacy needs – specifically sex work and victimization





HART Community Engagement

Actively engage with neighbors and business owners regarding concerns about encampments and unsheltered neighbors

- Met with Bolander regarding safety and advocacy strategies
- Present at neighborhood meeting in the Snelling/University neighborhood
- Arranged a first of many panels comprised of providers who presented at the Faith City Church
- Facilitate a weekly provider meeting that hosts 40+ city, county and state providers
- Connected with Lower Phalen Creek Project Executive Director regarding working together in outreach to our unsheltered Native Community.





Total Occupants

105

Total Tents

96

Total Male

74

Total Female

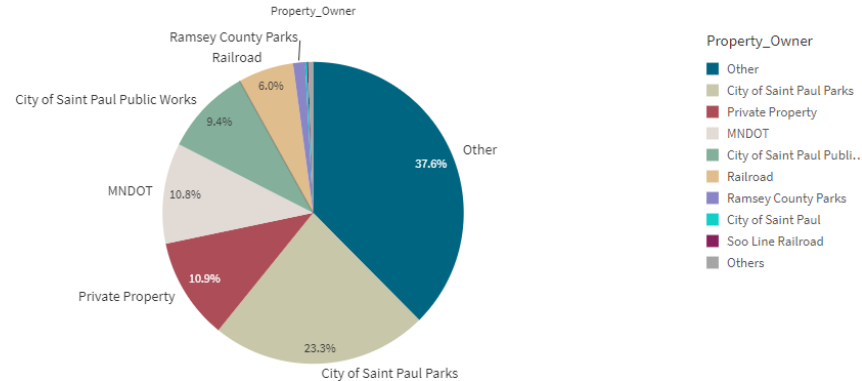
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Total Active Sites - Assessment Status

49

Active Display Status Sites - Encampment Status

48





Collaborations with SPPD

Partnerships have allowed officers in supportive outreach and engagement with:



Encampments



Downtown Areas



Libraries



Frequent Contact
Individuals



Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS)

- Onboarding staff:
 - NSCC Manager and Office Administrator (June 2022)
 - ONS Grant Manager (November 2022)
- Renewed and extended community-based contract – Community Ambassadors (July 2022)
- Attended district council meetings to receive feedback on the office implementation and broad public safety issues (Ongoing)
- Participating in Alternative Response Workgroup in collaboration with Ramsey County (February 2022-ongoing)



Goal	Objective	Key Result	Timing	Related CFPS Commission Recommendation	Performance Measurement
Build ONS	Hire three project coordinators	Office has capacity to execute on three implementation goals	Summer	Launch ONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of staffers onboarded
Build ONS	Create professional development plan for ONS staff	ONS staff is positioned to thrive inside City government	Early Fall	Hire community members impacted by violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of professional development plans created
Build ONS	Recruit and select 15 NSCC members who create its bylaws	Community and City leaders are set to advise to ONS	Early Fall	Community governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of NSCC members selected• Bylaws established
Project PEACE	Narrow list of stakeholders for coordination	Effectively identify and mobilize resources	Summer	Targeting specific neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project PEACE has regular touchpoint with key stakeholders
Project PEACE	Decide on key neighborhoods for AAP programming	Project PEACE can focus on key service providers and other partners	Summer	Targeting specific neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighborhoods identified
Project PEACE	Identify key participants for programming	Project PEACE can align across stakeholders and launch	Fall	Targeting specific neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants are identified



Project PEACE and ASPIRE

97 Referrals to Project PEACE from ASPIRE

- 77 referrals requested from parent or family member for services
- 14 victims of gun violence
- 42 individuals involved in group violence
- 27 individuals involved in youth violence
- 14 individuals involved in other forms of behaviors

Outcomes:

- 27 referrals remained with ONS to receive direct services
- 21 interventions completed by ASPIRE Officers
- 3 families relocating to new housing options
- 31 referrals to other City or County agencies
- 7 referrals to Community-based Organizations
- 38 guns seizures



ASPIRE Focus Areas

School Collaborations



- Johnson Senior High School
 - Harding Senior High School
 - Como Park Senior High School
 - Community of Excellence
 - Hmong Prep Academy
 - Farnsworth Upper Campus
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Recreation Centers



- Frogtown
 - Wilder
 - Duluth/Case
 - Arlington Hills
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Geographic Areas



- 444 Maryland
- 5th & Minnesota
- 629 Rice
- Rice & Manitoba
- 1619 Maryland



2023 Proposed Budget

Program/Initiative	Department	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 FTE's	2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget	2023 FTE's
A Saint Paul Intervention and Recovery Effort (ASPIRE)*	Police	\$895,749	10.0	\$976,847	10.0
Community Advocacy Response Team (CARES)	Fire	\$600,000	4.0	\$600,000	4.0
Community Outreach and Stabilization Team (COAST)**	Police	\$780,756	9.0	\$740,756	9.0
Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART)***	Safety and Inspections	\$311,843	3.0	\$443,882	3.0
Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS)****	City Attorney	\$1,405,760	4.0	\$2,124,830	6.0
	Total	\$3,994,108	30.0	\$4,886,315	32.0



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