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# Office of Neighborhood Safety

City Council Org Committee Update August 2, 2023



## THE PROBLEM

A very small number of high-risk people in any community are involved in the majority of violent activity.





## Focused Attention on Highest Risk Groups





# ONS - Integrated Gun/Group Violence Prevention Strategies - GVRS & CVI

**GVRS/CVI**

Trauma Recovery Services  
Cognitive Behavioral  
Therapy  
Project PEACE-life coaching  
Victim Services  
Family Stabilization  
Focused Enforcement

**NOT  
GVRS/CVI**

After school programs  
Arts programs  
At-risk programs  
Tutoring programs  
Mentoring programs  
Vacation Bible Schools  
Sports programs  
Neighborhood Community Watches  
Community Gardening Programs  
Programs that **DO NOT** focus on  
highest-risk



# Project PEACE and Operation ASPIRE

## **158** Referrals to Project PEACE from ASPIRE

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

## Outcomes:

- 44 referrals remained with ONS to receive direct services
- 72 interventions completed by ASPIRE Officers
- 18 families relocated to new housing options
- 60 referrals to other City or County agencies
- 35 referrals to Community-based Organizations
- 119 guns seizures



# Project PEACE Support Stories



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Homicide investigation underway after woman found shot in the head in St. Paul

Watch

A St. Paul mother of four has been identified as the latest homicide victim in that city., Lashonda Nix is the 39th person murdered in St. Paul this year.



Remembering St. Paul shooting victim Gabby Dehoyos |

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Murder charge: St. Paul woman killed while 3 kids were home;





# Project PEACE and Operation ASPIRE

Referral #1 After being shot currently relocated (own apartment) , graduated HS and working internship with MNDOT



Referral #2 After being shot working in trades programming, still participating with Healing streets community navigator

Referral #3 currently engaged with Healing Streets, Community Navigators, ONS and JK movement with completion of 1<sup>st</sup> term of summer school and job with Right Track

Referral #4 Connection with ASPIRE Officer, housing and employment secured and starting college in the fall on athletic scholarship



# Collaboration with Healing Streets

Partnerships have allowed ONS and Healing Street in supportive outreach and engagement with:



Frequent Contact  
Individuals



Hospitals



Community



Schools



# ONS/SPPS Violence Intervention/Prevention Pilot

ONS partnered with Saint Paul Public Schools Office of Security and Emergency Management (OSEM) and Office of Family Engagement and Community Partnerships (OFECPP) to develop a Pilot School Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Program to support violence reduction in SPPS high schools.

This program utilizes community-based violence intervention strategies on school campuses and is a strong collaboration between city government, SPPS, and community-based organizations to address youth violence.

- Responded and provided on-campus safety presence
- Partnership conversations and school safety collaboration
- Innovative Solutions, TRUCE Center 8518 and Healing Streets worked with affected family members
- Ongoing safety support and engagement
- Designing community support and adaptable liaison for schools



# NSCC Update

April 5, 2023- Neighborhood Safety Community Council welcomed 8 new members in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair.

As a collective NSCC plans to conduct /host six community conversation/year in order to hear the concerns for community safety. Establishing public safety goals, researching organizations, and partnering with community programs to address current and preventative public safety measures.

Currently:

- NSCC has conducted 4 out of 6 conversations
  1. Dec 6, Educational Professionals
  2. Dec 13, Community Organizations
  3. Dec 20, Public Safety Professionals
  4. Jan 10, Business Professional
- The conversations have started regarding plans to host community conversations with additional educational professionals to discuss partnerships within district 45, and St. Paul's Alternative school district.



# NSCC- Community and City Participation

In addition to monthly meetings, each NSCC member will participate in 3 community outreach events a year assisting ONS in community outreach. Members also have opportunities to become involved in various departments within the City of St. Paul involving community or department safety planning. Since December 2023, many of the members have already participated in 6 or more events.

Recently members have volunteered, or are actively participating in the following:

- What's Going On Night- Griggs Recreation Center
- SPPD Police Interviews (2 rounds)
- SPPL Safety & Incident Management Planning Team (monthly 4hour workshops)
- Safe Summer Night Events (9 events)
- SP Parks & Rec Audit- Staff Safety Conversations (3 days, 2hour sessions)



# NSCC- ARPA Community Grants Planning

February-May 2023 ONS Director and Neighborhood Safety Community Council Manager work extensively with ARP Team building RFP and grant application database before application launch. Once application closes applications are screened for eligibility according to RFP guidelines and ARP Federal requirements pre NSCC 50% capacity establishment.





# NSCC- ARPA Funding Awards

Once the NSCC was staffed to 50% capacity, their first, priority action item is to make final recommendations for ARP funding awards. The program goals must assist in the reduction of gun violence.

- NSCC were granted additional council members April of 2023 and the grant work begun at meeting 2 ( June 6, 2023). Council members are on schedule according to the timeline to achieve the goal of making final recommendations to ONS by mid August, with distribution of funds in October 2023.

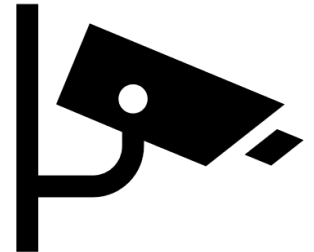
| Program |                                                              |
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| Week of | ONS- Gun Violence                                            |
| 7/27    | Risk Assessments Performed                                   |
| 7/27    | Application Scoring Tool developed                           |
| 7/27    | Review applicant Financial Questionnaires                    |
| 7/31    | Review Materials sent to committee                           |
| 8/8     | NSCC meets to further review and finalize application status |
| 8/24    | Award Approval (by Leadership who was not on the committee)  |
| 10/19   | Contract Routing (Requisition)/Contract Start                |



# ARPA Camera Update

The Project PEACE Technology and Equipment Initiative is a response to violence which provides resources for security cameras and other physical security enhancements to small businesses and nonprofit social service and community centers (including religious institutions and health clinics) that are at high risk of violence. The intent is to enhance private security systems at local business and community centers located within low-income neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by an increase in violence since the pandemic.

- The City will purchase technology and equipment, and distribute it to eligible recipients
- The Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) and Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) will identify eligible recipients via CPTED assessments and community data
- Cameras purchased and delivered (7/28/23)
- Installation has begun (8/1/23)



# Questions



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