



#### Tackling the Surge in Gun Violence in Saint Paul

- Gun violence poses a serious risk to the wellbeing of Saint Paul's residents and visitors.
- Communities of color are disproportionately affected.
- Increased levels of violent crime are felt city-wide.
- A spike in gun-related incidents has devastatingly impacted the Saint Paul community.



Need for Action: Prioritization of resources and funding is crucial for comprehensive initiatives to mitigate gun violence.



#### **Community-First Public Safety Approach**

Traditional law enforcement methods alone can't solve the issue. To address this, Saint Paul is adopting an *all-hands-on-deck, Community-First Public Safety strategy that is methodical and collaborative.* 

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**Prevention** Preemptive measures to stop violence before it occurs.

**Intervention** Active engagement to halt escalating violence.



**Response** Swift and effective action after incidents occur.



Public Safety Aid towards Gun Violence Reduction Strategies

#### A Multifaceted Approach to Combating Gun Violence in Saint Paul

A Citywide Commitment: Beyond Policing— Every Department Engaged, \$13.6M Allocated for Comprehensive Public Safety









### **Coordinated Strategic Investments:**

Department	Investments	Annual Amount	Years/ Quantity	Total
SPPD	Enforcement and Investigation Enhancements	\$1,000,000	3	\$2,999,000
SPFD	EMS Supervisors & Medic School	\$700,000	3	\$2,100,000
ONS	ONS Community Outreach Partners	\$467,000	3	\$1,401,000
CAO	Gun Diversion Program	\$84,000	3	\$250,000
City-Wide Asset	Cameras: Mobile and Mounted	\$600,000	1	\$600,000
City-Wide Asset	City-Wide Enterprise Overhead	\$150,000	1	\$150,000
		TOTAL:		\$7,500,000



### **Optimizing SPPD's Capabilities**

**Objective: Boost SPPD's proactive and reactive measures against gun violence.** 

- **Current Success**:100% Homicide Conviction Rate, far exceeding 54% national average.
- Key Investments:
  - Targeted training
  - Devoted personnel
  - State-of-the-art technology
- **Outcome**: Equip SPPD to tackle gun-related crime with unmatched tenacity.



National average for homicide conviction

**COMPARED TO** 



SPPD homicide conviction rate



Saint Paul Police Department	Annual Amount	Years/Quantit y	Total
<b>Dedicated Investigators &amp; Analysts</b>	\$662,000	3	\$1,986,000
Community Engagement Specialist (>3 yrs to ONS)	\$103,000	3	\$309,000
Forensics Services Investment	\$100,000	3	\$300,000
Additional Support Equipment	\$60,000	3	\$180,000
"Cyber Check" Data Recovery Access & Service	\$58,000	3	\$174,000
<b>Cellular Forensics Training &amp; Certifications</b>	\$50,000	1	\$50,000
		SPPD – Totals	\$2,999,000



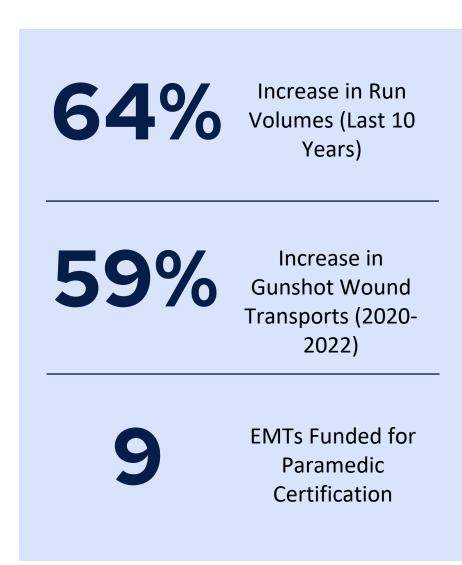
### Doubling EMS Response & Upgrading Skills

Objective: Enhance capacity and quality of SPFD's EMS Division in handling a rising volume of emergency calls and gunshot incidents.

#### **Staff Augmentation & Training**

- Doubling on-duty EMS Coordinator positions.
- Position elevated to supervisor level.
- Funding nine additional EMTs for paramedic certification.
- Enhancing prehospital care on rising EMS calls.

# Outcome: Greater responsiveness and higher level of prehospital medical care, benefiting Saint Paul residents.





Saint Paul Fire Department	Annual Amount	Years/ Quantity	Total
EMS Supervisors	\$650,000	3	\$1,950,000
Paramedic School	\$50,000	3	\$150,000
		SPPD – Totals	\$2,100,000



#### Investing in Skilled Outreach Workers to Interrupt Gun Violence

Objective: Onboard trained community outreach workers to build trust and address root causes of gun violence in high-risk areas.

#### **Cultivating Trust:**

- Outreach workers share similar life experiences with the communities they serve
- Focused on building relationships and addressing underlying issues.
- Coordinate support and resources specifically for those most impacted by gun violence.
- Act as key mediators between city departments, community stakeholders, and other professionals.

Outcome: Effective disruption of the cycle of gun-related violence through community engagement and resource coordination.





Trained Professionals



Cultivates Trust & Credibility



Connects Resources to High-Risk Individuals



Office of Neighborhood Safety	Annual Amount	Years/Quanti ty	Total
Community Outreach	\$467,000	3	\$1,401,000



### **Innovative Legal Approaches**

Objective: Commit resources to the innovative 'Pathways to New Beginnings' program aimed at reducing gun-related recidivism through community-based and mental healthfocused strategies.

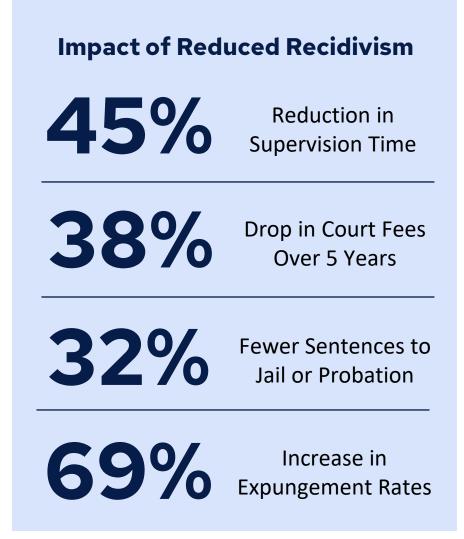
#### **Success Indicators:**

- Dropped recidivism from 70% to 33% for graduates.
- Adopted as a national model.

#### Wider Benefits:

- Reduced supervision time, court fees, and sentences.
- Increased expungement rates.
- Removes barriers to housing, education, and employment.

### Outcome: Dramatic reduction in recidivism, resulting in a safer, more empowered Saint Paul community.





### **City Attorney Office-CAO**

<b>City Attorney's Office</b>	Annual Amount	Years/Quantit y	Total
Pathways Diversion Program	\$84,000	3	\$250,000



#### Enhanced Surveillance, Enhanced Safety

Objective: Utilize flexible, mobile camera systems to improve real-time surveillance and decision-making in varying locations and situations.

#### **Key Features:**

- Pan, tilt, and zoom
- Night vision
- High-resolution recording
- Remote access

Outcome: A safer and more monitored community, bolstering alternative public safety efforts without excessive costs.





#### **City-Wide Assets-Mobile Camera's**

Citywide Asset	Annual Amount	Years/Quantity	Total
Cameras: Mobile and Mounted	\$600,000	1	\$600,000



### A Holistic Strategy for Reducing Gun Violence

- The **Framework Goal** aims to move beyond just responding to crime, focusing on a compelling strategy for reducing it.
- A **Long-term Approach** necessitates coordinated, immediate actions for profound, lasting change in tackling gun violence.
- **Community Commitments** include properly securing personal guns, registering surveillance systems, and actively engaging with community outreach workers.
- **Collective Effort** calls for contributions from all corners of the city—employees, residents, visitors, and business owners—to be part of the solution.
- **Investment Focus** prioritizes a triad of prevention, intervention, and response strategies to combat gunrelated violence.
- The **Outcome** aims for a targeted reduction in gun-related violence through a community-first approach.

## **Questions?**



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