



Gun Violence Prevention

Actions and Recommendations

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Prior Board Direction

- **August 28, 2023:**

 - Resolution Declaring Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis

- **Joint City/County Meeting – January 2024**

 - Staff to identify current steps and stakeholders at the City and County.

 - Identify activities related to the local gun violence crisis and return within 60-90 days with a report; include the “10 Essential Actions Cities Can Take to Reduce Violence”.

 - Return within 60-90 days with a report on immediate, short-term, and long-term recommendations that can serve as a draft plan for consideration by both Commissions.

Actions Taken in Response to Board Motions

- Internal Meetings to Identify Opportunities and Existing Resources
- Linkage with Black on Black Crime Task Force to convene a Subgroup
- Development of a MOU with the City of Gainesville and Santa Fe Community College
- Coordination with Law Enforcement to deploy Community Call Out Teams

Community Call Out Teams

- Developed in Coordination with Law Enforcement
- Neighborhood Walk Throughs to Engage and Offer Services
- Law Enforcement, BOLD, Victim Services Rape Crisis Center and Crisis Center Staff and Volunteers
- Pineridge, Duval, Sweetwater Square, Lincoln Estates, Ridgeview Community

Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center

- Highly Trained Victim Advocates
- Responding to Trauma: Counseling, Legal and Medical Advocacy, Court Accompaniment
- Emergency Outreach 24/7
- 3 Bilingual Advocates
- 4 Advocates Outposted at GPD (One City Funded FTE)
- Helpline and Community Ambassadors (Volunteers)

Alachua County Crisis Center

- 24/7 Crisis Line (Local and 988)
- Mobile Response Teams (24/7 On-site Response)
- Crisis Intervention and Mental Health Counseling (In Person and Telehealth Available)
- Prevention and Education Activities:
 - Risk/Means Reduction and Risk Assessment
 - Grief Support for Loved One's Suffering Loss Due to Violence
 - Suicide/Violence Prevention

Community Partners

Gainesville Police Department

Santa Fe Community College

Alachua County Sheriff's Office

Alachua – Department of Health

Faith Based Organizations

Community Resource Paramedicine

River Phoenix Center for Peace Building

Neighborhood Watch

Residents/Neighbors

Black on Black Crime Task Force

City Gun Violence Manager

State/County Probation

CAPP Agencies

Housing Authorities/Grace

School Board of Alachua County

10 Essential Steps to Prevent Violence

1. Set a clear goal: commit to saving lives by stopping violence

Adopted Resolution Declaring it a Public Health Crisis

2. Identify the key people and places driving the violence

Reviewing City Provided Data (Do we have data from ACSO)

3. Create a plan for engaging key people and places

Purpose of MOU with the City and Santa Fe

4. Engage key people with empathy and accountability

Victim Services Rape Crisis Center/Crisis Center Staff/Volunteers

10 Essential Steps to Prevent Violence

5. Address key locations using place-based policing and investment

Discussions needed with City and County Law Enforcement

6. Place responsibility for violence reduction efforts at the top

Declared Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis

7. Emphasize healing with trauma-informed approaches

Crisis Center and Victim Services Uses Trauma Informed Approach

10 Essential Steps to Prevent Violence

8. Invest in anti-violence workforce development

Working with the City on Workforce Development

9. Set aside funding for new stakeholders and strategies

10. Commit to continuous improvement based on data, evidence, and peer-to-peer learning

MOU with Santa Fe and the City of Gainesville

Near Term Recommendations

- Finalize the MOU with Santa Fe and the City of Gainesville
- Work towards the creation of a Gun Violence Task Force
- Support creation of a long term plan to address gun violence
- Continue participation in Community Call Outs
- Conduct Research on Best Practices to reduce gun violence
- Scale Up Crisis Center Outreach and Education Programs

Long Term Recommendation

- Commit to continuous improvement based on data, evidence, and peer-to-peer learning (Step 10)

Questions or Direction?