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History of DEFENDING CHILDHOOD

- Complicated planning process
- Earlier local efforts provide basis
- Cuyahoga County, an older northern rustbelt community
- Cuyahoga County, rich in social services and county-provided social safety net

CHILDREN WHO WITNESS VIOLENCE

- 1997: Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland convened task force to study rates of children's exposure to violence due to sharp increases of exposure to IPV and community violence in their E.R.
- Extensive supportive data collected over two year period

Key Decisions

- Law Enforcement to be only referring agency
- Create pilot in 2 of 6 Cleveland police districts and 3 first ring suburbs
- Service available 24/7 and 365 days per year
- Crisis response by mental health professionals
- Aggressive outreach effort
- Comprehensive evaluation of entire project

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

- Mental Health Services, Inc., selected:
 - Experience in crisis services
 - 24/7 structure already in place
 - Agreed to start operations rapidly
- Implementation:
 - Protocols developed; manager and staff hired
 - Training of every police officer in pilot areas
 - Manager reinforces at roll calls at each district



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COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

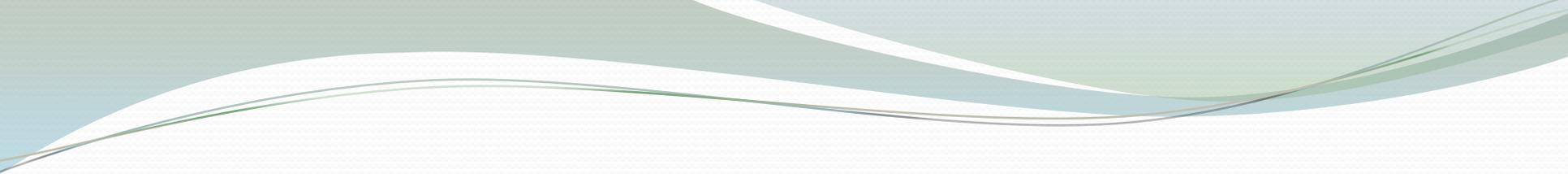
- Guiding Principles:
 - Provide crisis services to children/families impacted by domestic and community violence
 - Voluntary and free to all participants
 - Services delivered in home, to reduce barriers to families reducing services
 - Ongoing referrals to key agencies
 - Client centered, empowerment model

How the Model Grew

- Violent Loss Response Team
 - Rapid, comprehensive response to families of homicide victims
- Police Assisted Response
 - Rapid response focused on public housing estates
- DEFENDING CHILDHOOD
 - Attorney General's Initiative to reduce exposure, increase knowledge and reduce negative impact to children exposed to violence



CHILDREN WHO WITNESS VIOLENCE



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SAD IS HOW YOU FEEL
WHEN MOM IS BEING BEAT



Children & Trauma

- Trauma affects a child's developing brain
- Trauma interferes with a child's ability to relax and focus
- Trauma shapes how a child sees his or her future
- Coping with a traumatic event is often overwhelming for families

Trauma Specific Programs at MHS

- Children Who Witness Violence (CWWV)
- Violent Loss Response Team (VLRT)
- Police Assisted Referrals (PAR)

Key Concepts

- Partnership with Law Enforcement
 - Direct Referral
 - Immediate Response
- Partnership with Community Resources
 - Seamless collaboration to reduce barriers and provide comprehensive services
- Community Awareness and Engagement

Spectrum of Services

- Client-Centered, Evidence-Based
- Crisis Intervention
 - Psychological First Aid
- Comprehensive Trauma Focused assessment for all individuals in the family

Spectrum of Services cont.

- Trauma Specific Treatment
 - Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - Child & Family Traumatic Stress Intervention
- Linkage to community resources
- Creative Aftercare
 - Camp Bridges
 - Writers Group

Referrals 2010

The majority of referrals result in the provision of service.

- CWWV: 2115
- VLRT: 154

Secondary Traumatic Stress

- aka Battle Fatigue, Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue
- Recurrent interaction/exposure to individuals struggling with trauma, mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty can cause emotional reactions in first responders and clinicians.

Secondary Traumatic Stress cont.

- Reactions include: hopelessness, cynicism, sleep problems, addictions, anger, fatigue, numbing, and a sense that the work is never-ending
- It is essential to have a program to mediate stress and promote resilience.
 - Lessons from Navy Seals

“It is a privilege to bring
energy and passion
to a cause that is just”

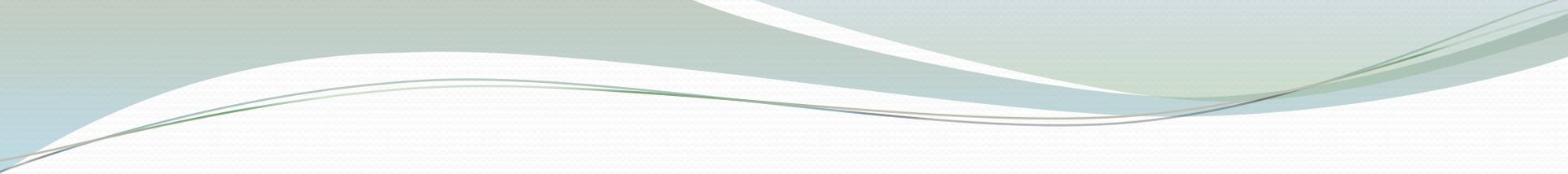


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LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE



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Stubbornness of recurrent cycle of violence

Traditional response's limited effect

Need for new approaches and partnerships

- Imaginative
- Collaborative
- Multi-disciplinary



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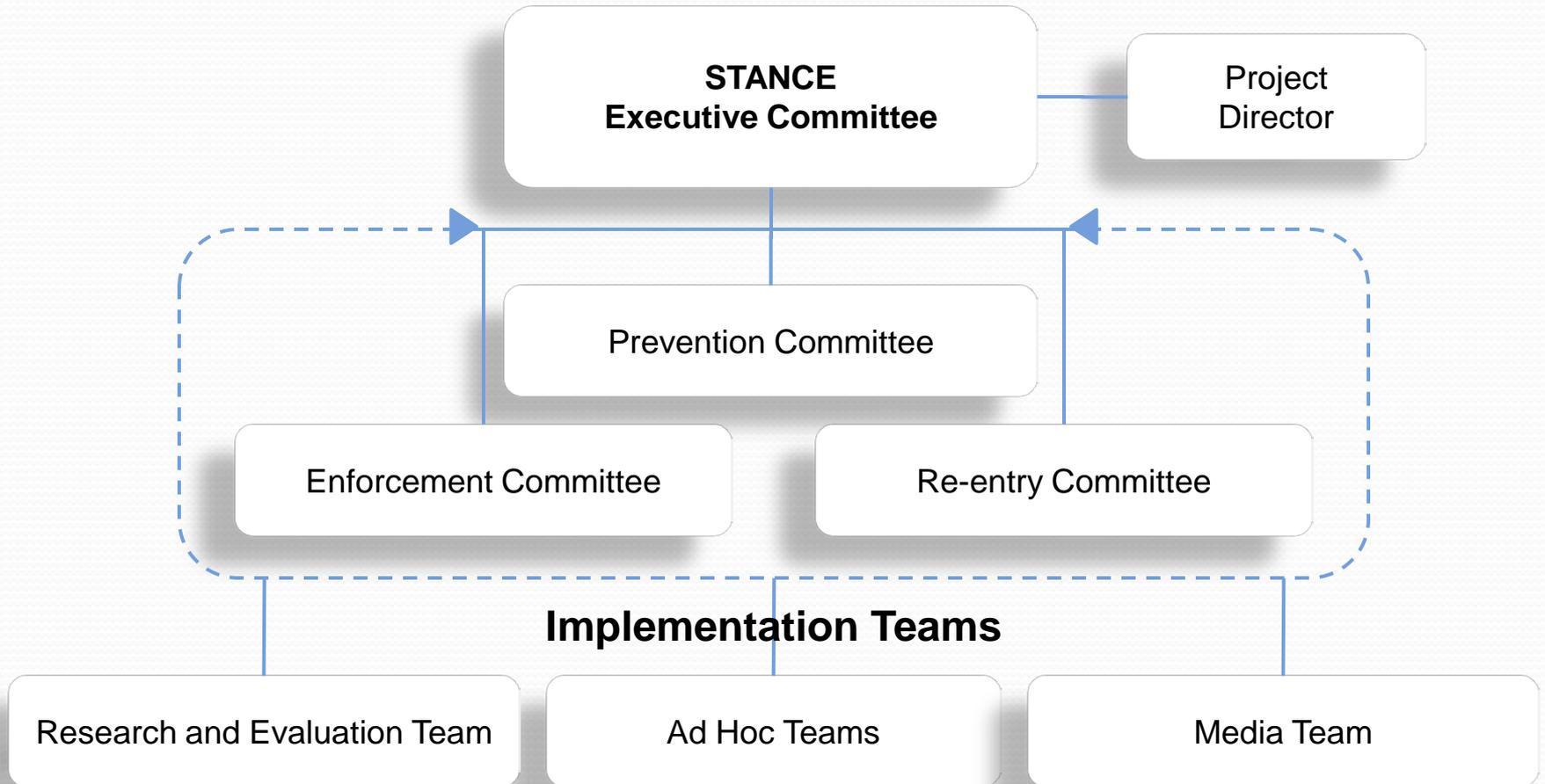
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Standing Together Against Neighborhood Crime Everyday

Comprehensive
Anti-Gang Initiative
Strategy is a
three-legged stool



Operational Structure



Law Enforcement



Kahlil Caldwell, Cleveland Police Patrol Officer

Law Enforcement Overview



Goal: reduce gun/gang violence and address overall Part 1 crime

Premise: a minimum of 75% of gun violence and Part 1 crime is associated with or a direct result of drug sales, activity or use

Correlation: gangs = guns = drugs = Part 1 crime

Cleveland Police Crime Analysis unit

- Part 1 crimes associated with weapon violations (homicide, felonious assault, robbery, discharging)
- Narcotics violations

Ohio Community Initiative to Reduce Violence

- University of Cincinnati Policing Institute
- Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

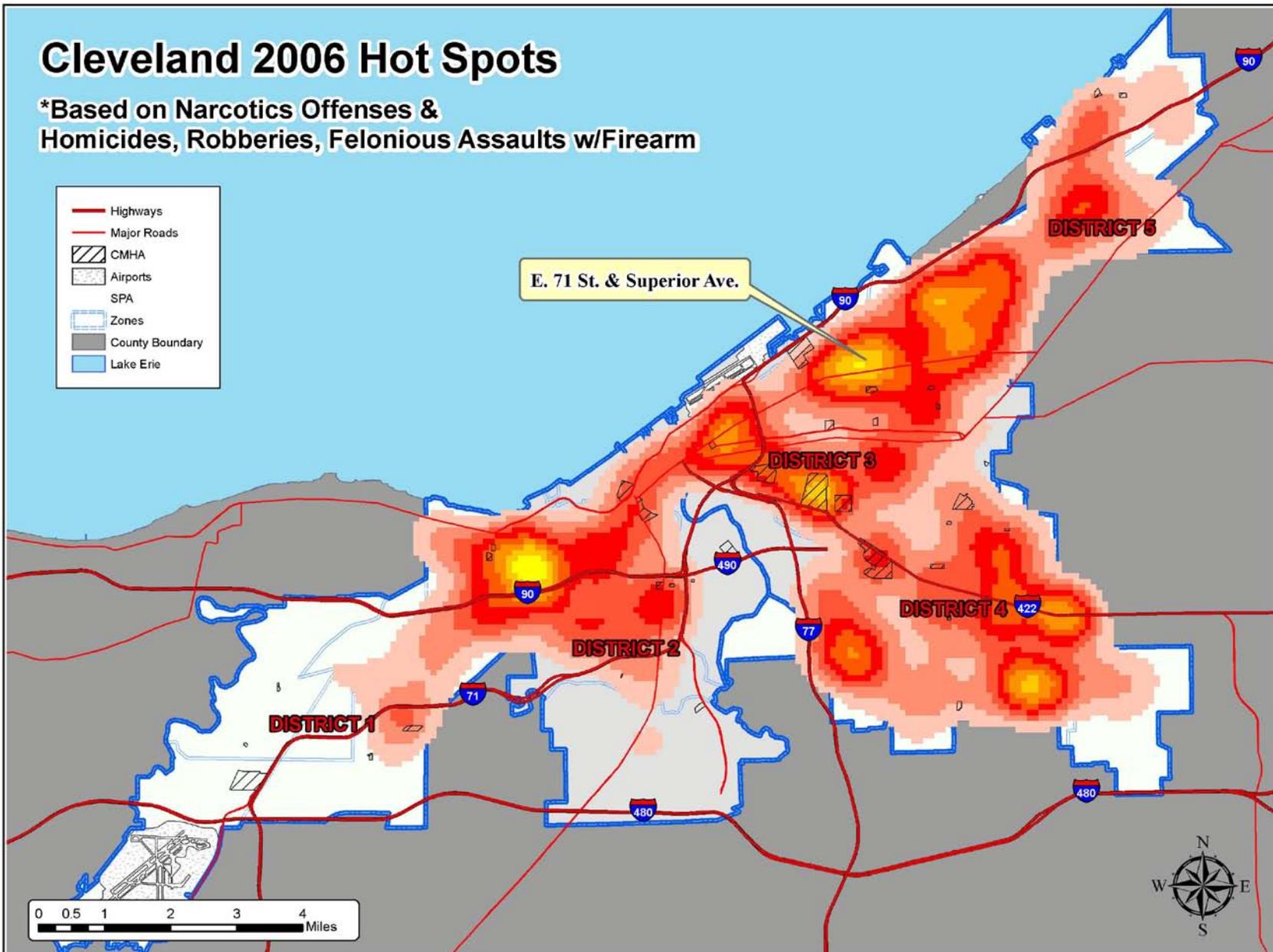
62 gangs identified

Cleveland 2006 Hot Spots

*Based on Narcotics Offenses & Homicides, Robberies, Felonious Assaults w/Firearm

- Highways
- Major Roads
- CMHA
- Airports
- SPA
- Zones
- County Boundary
- Lake Erie

E. 71 St. & Superior Ave.



Deployment Strategies



- All district resources deployed simultaneously for several days in succession for 12 hours each day
- Every possible enforcement strategy
- Areas reflecting greatest volume of violent crime in previous 60 days
- Other City departments assist with non-criminal ancillary issues identified by officers

Neighborhood Safety Initiatives 2008 through February 2011

Felony Drug Arrests	1,879	Summons	340
Misdemeanor Drug Arrests	295	Curfew Violations	886
CCW Arrests	116	Felony Warrants Cleared	248
Other Felony Arrests	624	Misdemeanor Warrants Cleared	248
Other Misdemeanor Arrests	878	Search Warrant Executed	181
Firearms Confiscated	357	Liquor Violations	278
Traffic Violations	32,183	Prostitution Arrests	236
Parking Tickets	6,669	Vehicles Towed	1,481
Minor Misdemeanor Citations	3,466	Currency Seized	\$413,965
CCS Notifications	23	Officers Involved	9,026

Deployment Strategies

Gun Suppression Initiatives

- Conducted weekly in each district
- Observation and detection strategies and techniques learned from “Safe Neighborhood Training” sessions, “Characteristics of Armed Gunmen,” other training, and collective experience
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Gun Suppression Initiatives

Year	Number of Initiatives	Number of Guns Confiscated	Number of Arrests
2007	146	102	265
2008	349	134	888
2009	285	190	931
2010	310	92	1074
2011*	52	7	130

*As of March 11, 2011

Multi-Jurisdictional



Cleveland Division of POLICE Statistics

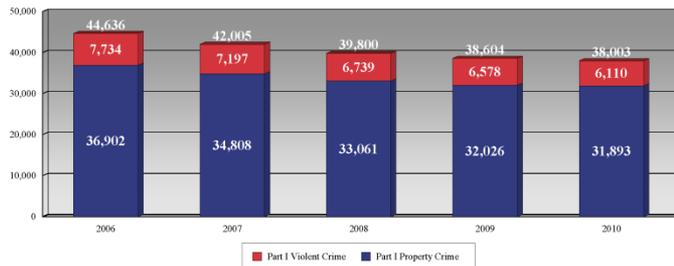
As of Year End 2010

PART ONE CRIMES 2006-2010

The Cleveland Division of Police reports yearly statistics to the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System (OIBRS). Statistical calculations are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) guidelines.

Offense Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2006 to 2010
Homicide	119	134	102	120	72	-40 %
Rape	602	514	537	491	507	-16 %
Robbery	4333	4046	3839	3585	3212	-26 %
Felonious Assault	2680	2503	2261	2382	2319	-14 %
Violent Crime	7734	7197	6739	6578	6110	-21 %
Burglary	9972	9312	9476	9511	10088	2 %
Theft	19701	18008	17673	17917	17778	-10 %
Grand Theft Motor Vehicle	6718	6964	5377	4194	3637	-46 %
Arson	511	524	535	404	390	-24 %
Property Crime	36902	34808	33061	32026	31893	-14 %
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Investigative Teams Law Enforcement Partnerships

- U.S. Attorneys Office, Northern District of Ohio
- CMSD
- CMHA
- RTA
- FBI
- Cleveland Division of Police
- Cuyahoga Sheriff's Office
- County Prosecutors Office
- ATF
- DEA
- Juvenile Justice Center
- BCI
- Ault Parole Authority

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