

Community Outreach
Response and Engagement
Strategy

Stratégie d'approche, d'intervention et de mobilisation communautaires

# THE CORE APPROACH / LA DÉMARCHE CORE

## **Evidence & Analysis**

- Data
- Consultation and feedback

#### Goals

- Safer Communities
- Less Crime
- Support for vulnerable community members
- Community led solutions

#### **Timeline**

- Fully Operational Summer 2024
- Preliminary evaluations September 30, 2024

## Preuve et analyse

- Données
- Consultation et rétroaction

## **Objectifs**

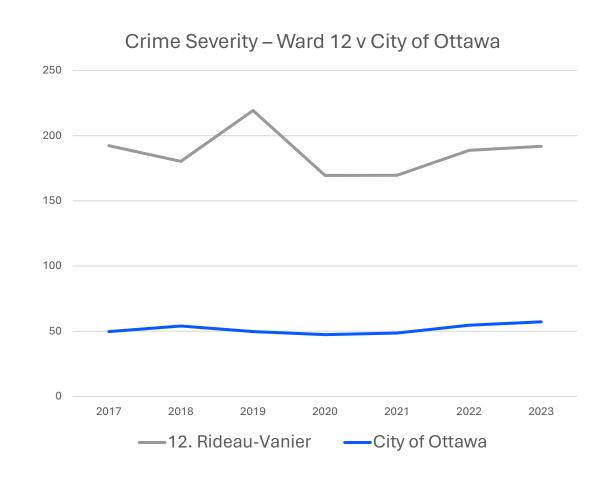
- Collectivités plus sûres
- Moins de crime
- Soutien envers les membres vulnérables de la collectivité
- Solutions guidées par la collectivité

### Calendrier

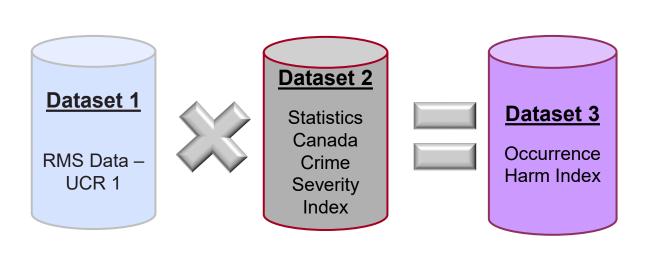
- Entièrement opérationnel Été 2024
- Évaluations préliminaires le 30 septembre
   2024

# **BYWARD MARKET & RIDEAU CORRIDOR**

- Over the past 7 years, the average crime severity in Rideau-Vanier Ward has been
   3.5 times higher than the City average
- Residents, business owners and workers feel unsafe
- Intersecting crises of housing, mental health, addiction, cost of living



# **DATA ANALYSIS - PLACES**



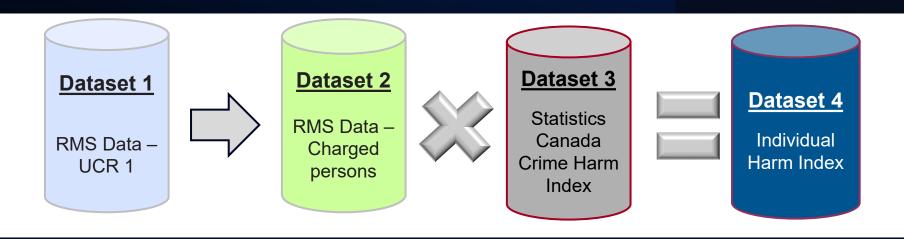
Area: ByWard Market, Lowertown & Sandy Hill

Dates: Jan 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2024

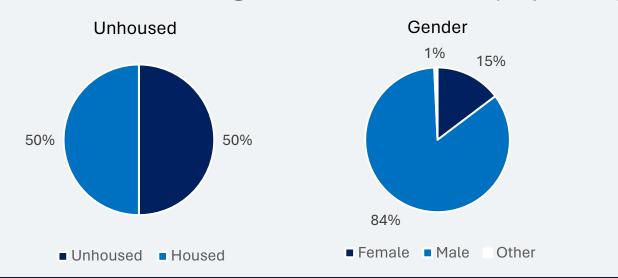
## **Hot Spots**

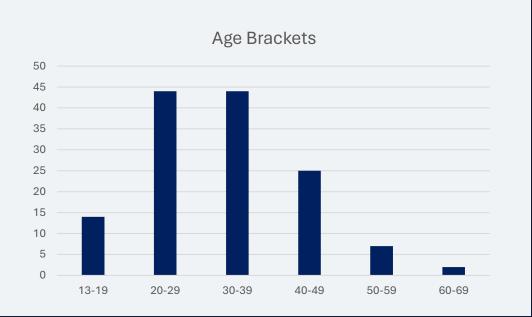


# DATA ANALYSIS - PEOPLE



## Individuals with highest harm scores (Top 10%)





# PLACES -HOT SPOT POLICING

#### **Crime Concentration**

- Areas of high crime volume and severity
- 1.8% of Hexagons
  - 45% of crime events
  - 35% of crime severity

#### **Enhanced Police Presence**

- Neighbourhood Resource Teams
- Frontline Patrol Officers
- Deterrence, Prevention, Enforcement

#### Community-led problem solving

- Situational Crime Prevention
- CPTED
- NGOs, BIAs, LCA, ASH, City Depts.

#### **Social Services Outreach**

Community Engagement Teams



# PLACES – HOT SPOT POLICING

#### Is Hot Spot Policing Effective?

- ...studies that focus police resources on crime hot spots, provide the strongest collective evidence of police effectiveness that is now available.
  - US National Research Council's Committee to Review Research on Police Policy and Practices
- Proactive policing strategies such as hot spot policing show consistent evidence of crime reduction effectiveness without evidence of negative community outcomes.
  - -U.S. National Academies Committee on Proactive Policing
- Hot spots policing rarely causes crime displacement and is far more likely to produce a
  diffusion of crime control benefits across the wider community.
  - Braga et al. 2019, systematic review of 78 hot spot policing studies.

# PEOPLE – FOCUSED ENFORCEMENT

- Crime is concentrated amongst a small number of highly-active offenders.
  - In downtown Ottawa, 10% of offenders are contributing to about 50% of Crime Harm
- Focused deterrence strategies combine law enforcement, community mobilization, and social services to reduce criminal offending.
- Research demonstrates a statistically significant crime reduction effect, supporting the use of focused deterrence as a proactive crime reduction strategy

## **Enforcement**

- High Harm Offenders 

  Highest CSI scores
- Violent and Serious Crime
- Enforcement, Deterrence, Prevention, Diversion
- Arrest / Warrants/ Compliance Checks
- Crown Attorneys Office

# **Diversion and Support**

#### **John Howard Society**

- Transitional Housing Programs
- Community Re-integration Program
- Case Managers for Day Reporting Center

# PEOPLE - COMMUNITY SUPPORT

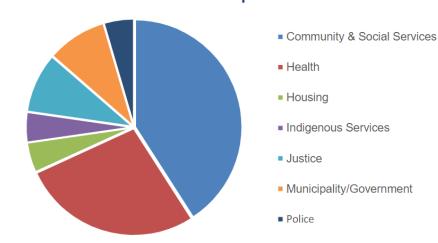


The ICST was created to better support at-risk individuals who frequently interact with the criminal justice system

#### What is a Situation Table?

- 30+ Diverse Partners
- Community led
- SOLGEN
- Ontario CoP

#### **ICST - Sectors Represented**



# Neighbourhood Operations Center (NOC)

The NOC supports downtown revitalization and community safety by enhancing police presence, visibility, and accessibility in the Byward Market and Rideau Street corridor.

#### **Community Partnerships**

• Coordination and interaction with local frontline partners; Community Engagement Teams, Ottawa Paramedic Service, OC Special Constables.

#### Phase 1 of Expansion

- The first step in a multi-phase expansion, with the vision of creating centralized access to an array of community support services.
- Potential for public access in future phases of development.

#### **Timeline**

• Fully Operational June 3, 2024.

#### Location

Rideau Shopping Centre, facing Rideau Street with direct external access.

# **COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)**

#### **Purpose:**

- A cross-sectoral task force to collaboratively address systemic barriers to community safety and wellbeing in the downtown core.
- A governance body that provides oversight, accountability, and strategic coordination.
- Ensures alignment with strategic goals and community expectations.

#### Goals:

- Avoid duplication of efforts across initiatives.
- Build on the strengths of various community stakeholders.

#### **Functions:**

- Facilitate the continuous exchange of information and feedback to all stakeholders and decision-makers.
- Apply community feedback and guidance to improve and adjust the strategy.

#### Timeline:

Development is ongoing, a formalized structure with staff appointed to administer and coordinate the CAB
is expected to be in place for the COREs strategic launch on June 30.

# Strategic Tracking

## **Implementation**

- Police presence in Hot Spot areas
- Police referrals to the ICST

## **Outcomes**

- Crime Counts
- Crime Severity
- Calls for Service

## **Community Safety**

Perceptions of Safety, Security, and Fear

## **Community / Police Relations**

Perceptions of Police – Effective, Neutral, Respectful, Fair.