

DISCUSSION OF OPS RESPONSE TO GUNS MOTION

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THE MOTION

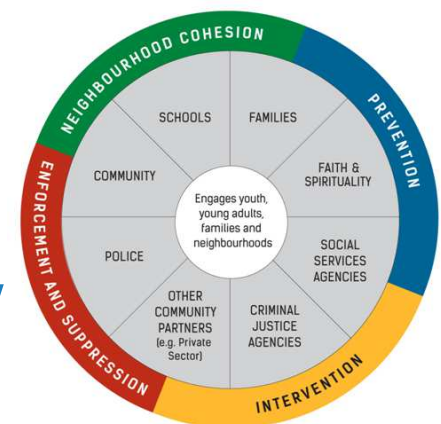


- CPO/OPS Street Violence and Gang Strategy
- Overview of gang activity in Ottawa
- Recent statistics relating to gun violence
- Our neighbourhood policing strategy
- Grant applications for integrated deployment
- Gun Buy Back programs & CCTVs

STREET VIOLENCE AND GANG STRATEGY



- Identified a four-pillar approach to reducing/eliminating gun violence in partnership with Crime Prevention Ottawa.
 - **Neighbourhood Cohesion:** Build resilient children, families in affected neighbourhoods through positive relationships.
 - **Prevention:** Leverage inclusive and preventative approaches through social development, education and community policing.
 - **Intervention:** Identify intervention opportunities for children, youth and adults, including those most at risk.
 - **Enforcement & Suppression:** Traditional targeted, sustained enforcement initiatives.



OVERVIEW OF GANG ACTIVITY



- Gang activity continually changing; has moved away from being geographically based.
 - Now focused more on commodities: drugs, guns
- The bottom line is profit, driven by greed, city-wide. (New trend/gang structure all across the country).

PROACTIVE RESULTS IN 2019/2020



GUN BUY BACK



- We have tried programs like Pixels for Pistols, but is not evidence-based best-practice for crime prevention.
 - Efficacy is low.
 - Has significant public safety issues.
 - Resources can be better used in crime prevention initiatives.
 - Ottawa residents who want to turn in legal guns to OPS can already do so.
 - Handgun ban

CCTV CAMERAS



- OPS is not opposed to CCTV cameras, but they have not been proved to be an evidence-based best-practice for crime prevention, with limited success for post-crime investigations.
- Would rather invest that money into customized NRTs or city services.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE TEAMS



- Visible and accessible in neighbourhoods via foot and bike patrols to build & strengthen relationships in the community.



NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE TEAMS



- Work with community partners/leaders/stakeholders to enhance safety initiatives and customize approach.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE TEAMS



- Intelligence-led/evidence-based policing
- **2,612** activities
 - **481** relationship building
 - **635** enforcement
 - **466** schools
- **5,497** hours
- **5** crime guns seized



NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE TEAMS



■ 2020 NRT Expansion

- Byward Market / Lowertown
- Bayshore
- Centretown

- Accelerated hiring plan to help with staffing/ deployment



SELECTION PROCESS FOR NRT DEPLOYMENTS



- Neighborhood Threat Assessment
 - Rates of violent crime (gun violence)
 - Rates of property crimes
 - Call for Service volume
- Community Readiness
 - Coordination of community services
 - Community Health Centers
 - Community Consultations

NRT DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY



- Neighbourhood based (ring fenced)
- Community Hubs
- 2 year minimum commitment
- Demographic representation
- Customized service delivery
 - Specific cultural training



NRT EVALUATION



- Dr. Linda Duxbury and colleagues at Carleton University conducting an independent evaluation of the Neighborhood Resource Team program
- Information collected from this assessment will inform the evolution of the program
- Leveraging technology:
 - Key activities defined;
 - Configured mobile application.

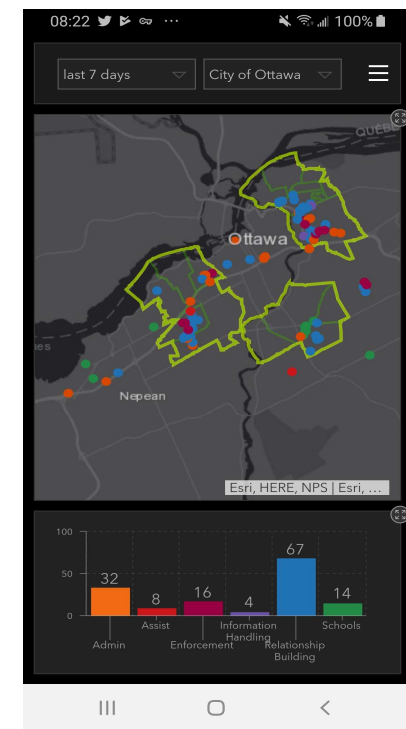
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10:00 A.M.

End time *
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11:00 A.M.

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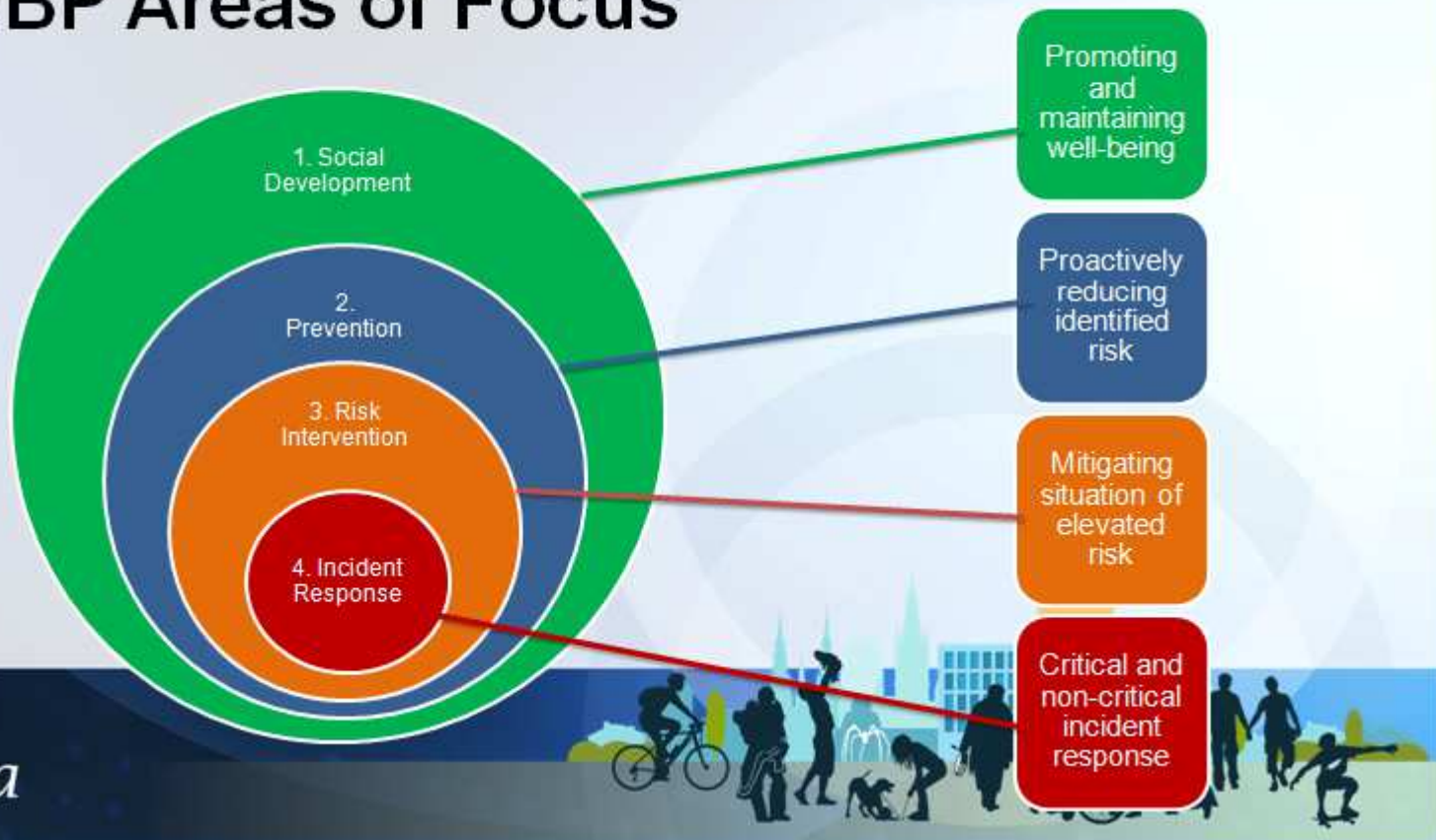
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CITY DRIVEN COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELLBEING PLAN



CSWBP Areas of Focus



NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT & SAFETY TABLES (NEST)



- Expands on the City's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Must be deployed with support at the federal, provincial and municipal level.
- NEST teams will leverage City services for a whole-of-community approach to reducing/eliminating street violence.
- Backed up by research that shows a fully integrated systems approach works well.

PURSuing MULTI-LEVEL FUNDING



- Developing grant requests with partners:
 - Federal, Provincial, Municipal.
- Framed around the City's Community Safety & Well-Being plan.
 - Incorporates provincial CSWB mandate.
- Specifically directed at eliminating street and gang violence.
 - Early identification of people in need and getting them the proper supports.
 - Youth outreach workers, social workers, employment services, healthcare specialists and community police officers.

