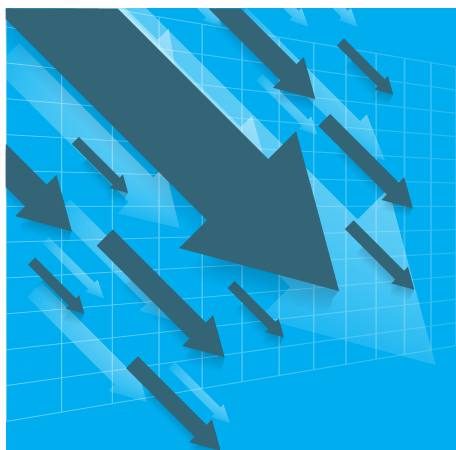


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The National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) Operations sites experienced a productive quarter to conclude 2018, with many sites reporting crime reductions in 2018 compared to 2017.



2018 Crime Reductions

- » Indianapolis, Indiana, experienced a 17 percent decrease in violent crime overall from July to December 2018.
- » Jackson, Mississippi, experienced a 50 percent decline in carjackings year-to-date as of December 2018.
- » St. Louis, Missouri, experienced reductions in crime in both the city and its violence reduction geographic focus area—14 percent and 18 percent, respectively—year-to-date as of December 2018.
- » Criminal homicides in Nashville, Tennessee, decreased 24 percent.
- » Milwaukee, Wisconsin, experienced a 14 percent decline in homicides and a 15 percent decline in nonfatal shootings.

This quarter, sites took advantage of a variety of training and technical assistance (TTA), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Digital Imaging and Video Response Team (DIVRT) training, advanced homicide investigations training, strategic planning, National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)¹ training, domestic violence fatality review support, and crime analysis and social network analysis (SNA) training. Several PSP assessments were conducted this quarter, such as an ongoing comprehensive prosecution assessment in Memphis, Tennessee. The three new 2018 Operations sites (Kansas City, Missouri; Miami, Florida; and Tulsa, Oklahoma) identified PSP focus areas and assessments to direct their PSP efforts. Sites such as Nashville and Toledo, Ohio, continued to develop SNA capabilities and incorporate its practices into crime analysis and violence reduction efforts.

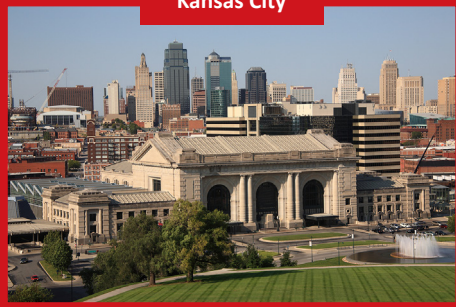
Collaboration and partnerships were critical themes for PSP Operations sites this quarter. PSP sites continued to strengthen relationships with their local and federal partners. For instance, the Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department (PD) assigned additional task force officers to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), while Project EJECT (Empower Jackson Expel Crime Together) in Jackson indicted more than 100 cases in 2018. Marion, Indiana, Superior Court Probation, an Indianapolis PSP site partner, conducted more than 340 successful searches in 2018, often with assistance from the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD and ATF. The Multi-Agency Gang Unit in Memphis engaged in a joint operation with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to locate offenders on outstanding murder warrants. Local and federal partners in New Orleans, Louisiana, focused on identifying gang members in its PSP focus areas, and New Orleans reduced its NIBIN turnaround time from approximately 19 days to approximately 1 day. NIBIN also was a valuable tool for PSP sites in combating gun crime, with Indianapolis reporting more than 290 leads for 2018 and Memphis reporting more than 350.

These highlights are only a quick snapshot of the violence reduction efforts and accomplishments in the PSP Operations sites. PSP looks forward to continuing these successes into the new year. This edition of the quarterly *PSP Operations Newsletter* features summaries of the new sites' listening sessions and assessment priorities for 2018 and site highlights for the 2016 to 2018 sites from October 1 to December 31, 2018.

New Site Listening Sessions

Following the 2018 PSP Symposium in September, PSP conducted introductory site visit listening sessions this quarter in the three new PSP Operations sites. These meetings—hosted by the districts' United States Attorneys' Offices (USAOs)—provided local and federal law enforcement and prosecutorial leaders the opportunity to share with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) the violent crime issues facing each community and for DOJ to provide attendees insight on the PSP engagement and the assistance available.

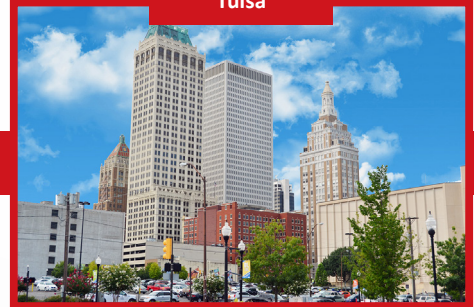
Kansas City



Miami



Tulsa



Kansas City

The Kansas City introductory site meeting held on November 15 convened representatives from the following partner agencies: ATF, FBI, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, Kansas City PD, Missouri Department of Corrections, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), USAO—Western District of Missouri, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and USMS. To begin its PSP engagement, Kansas City identified the following assessments as priorities: a grants landscape review; victim/witness intimidation and protection to enhance victim and witness cooperation and security; process mapping to assess overlaps or gaps in crime reduction programs already working in the city; focused deterrence to support its existing No Violence Alliance by examining its processes, such as managing its priority offender list; and gun crime investigation and prosecution to identify and enhance best practices, strategies, and tactics. At the 2018 PSP Symposium, Kansas City heard from Tampa regarding its Violent Impact Player (VIP) collaborative law enforcement program. Kansas City is interested in employing a similar model as part of its PSP engagement.

Miami

Representatives from the Miami PD and the following agencies attended the Miami introductory site listening session on October 30: ATF, DEA, FBI, Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department, Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, USAO—Southern District of Florida, and USMS. The Miami PD has identified PSP grants landscape review, technology, and crime analysis assessments as priorities in its first year of engagement to identify and implement best practices and to support its increased use of crime analysis work products, especially around crime pattern, social network, and hot-spot analyses. Miami is particularly interested in leveraging PSP engagement to disrupt drug trafficking, a significant issue for the site given its location to major ports of entry into the United States.

Tulsa

Representatives from the following agencies attended the Tulsa introductory site listening session on November 28: ATF, Cherokee Nation Marshal Service, DEA, FBI, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Osage Nation PD, Tulsa PD, USAO—Northern District of Oklahoma, U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, and USMS. The Tulsa PD has identified PSP grants landscape review, crime analysis, and technology assessments as priorities for its early PSP engagement to increase its use of intelligence-led policing and facilitate effective information sharing. Tulsa is the first PSP site to engage tribal agencies as PSP partners to reduce violent crime.

Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Birmingham, Alabama

Federal Partnerships

The FBI reported that a top offender was arrested in November as part of a gang investigation. An ATF task force officer provided information through intelligence gleaned from jail calls on a potential homicide that was likely prevented. ATF is focusing on straw purchasers and tracing shell casings through NIBIN. As of December 2018, ATF has averaged two to three suspicious purchaser referrals to the Birmingham PD per month and NIBIN has produced more than 1,800 leads. NIBIN intelligence is shared with the Birmingham PD. The Birmingham PD also assigned three new task force officers to ATF.

Investigations

To increase manpower and patrol coverage, the Birmingham PD began hiring retired officers who wished to return to law enforcement. The Birmingham PD plans to add 70 additional officers to its force, including 35 additional retired officers and the officers in the Birmingham PD academies as of November.² The Birmingham PD also assigned seven additional detectives to investigate sexual assaults.³ Representatives from the Birmingham PD attended an FBI DIVRT training course on October 24–26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Community Engagement

The Birmingham Mayor's Office of Community Engagement discussed with the PSP team best practices to address youth violence, such as reducing exposure and susceptibility to violence. The Mayor's Office and the Birmingham PSP team plan to conduct regular calls on this issue moving forward. The USAO—Northern District of Alabama's Safe Neighborhoods Task Force and the Mayor's Office conducted numerous listening sessions with the community to hear its perspectives on crime, crime prevention, and re-entry into the community. The Birmingham PD held its first-ever Holiday Gala in December. The public was invited to attend this event and get better acquainted with the officers who serve their communities.⁴



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Indianapolis, Indiana

Gun Violence

In December, the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD reported that more than 3,300 illegal firearms were confiscated in 2018.⁵ ATF reported approximately 290 NIBIN leads in November for 2018 to date. Through the same period in 2017, approximately 60 NIBIN leads were reported. The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD is working to socialize the NIBIN process departmentwide and educate officers about shell casings and plans to hire new crime analysts who will analyze intelligence from the NIBIN leads and help target shooters.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Violent crime decreased 17 percent overall from July to December 2018 compared to 2017.⁶ The increased coordination between local and federal partners is critical to achieving these successes. In November, Marion Superior Court Probation reported the completion of 342 successful searches in 2018, with 62 firearms recovered from 39 residences. The FBI reported in November that a new internal team executed 15 search warrants; seized 10 firearms; and made 16 arrests, 9 of which will be federal prosecutions, all in the approximately five months that the team has been in operation. In November, USMS reported three arrests in the month prior, including one for homicide and one who was a serious, violent felon. The USMS task force worked in coordination with the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD for some of these arrests. The USAO—Southern District of Indiana (SDIN) plans to hire three new additional drug and violent crime Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

Crime Analysis

A PSP crime analysis assessment was conducted for Indianapolis this quarter to enhance the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD's ability to conduct analyses that pinpoint violent offenders and hot spots.

Investigations

To enhance investigations, representatives from the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD attended the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA) Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations training course on November 5–9. This training was held at the FBI Academy in Virginia. Representatives from the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD also attended an FBI DIVRT training course on October 24–26 along with other PSP sites.

Community Engagement

The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD began planning efforts for TTA regarding strategic messaging and communicating with the public about its ongoing crime reduction efforts to make the public more aware of the numerous efforts the department is employing to combat and reduce violent crime. The TTA also will provide guidance on how the department can integrate its new civilian public information officer with existing sworn personnel. In December, the USAO—SDIN announced plans to partner with a local university on communication efforts to inform the public about crime and the USAO—SDIN's intentional and collaborative response.⁷



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Jackson, Mississippi

Federal Partnerships

Through the support of Project EJECT, the USAO has indicted 105 cases year-to-date as of October 20, 2018, 82 of which have been taken on by the FBI. Project EJECT received an award from DOJ in December for Outstanding Overall Partnership Task Force.

Crime Analysis

An on-site visit for the embedded analyst program took place in October to examine the Jackson PD's crime analysis goals and provide training on crime trend and operational analysis. Dr. Rick Rosenfeld and an analyst from the St. Louis Metropolitan PD participated in the visit.

Investigations

Representatives from the Jackson PD attended the IHIA's Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations training course in November at the FBI Academy. As part of this training, participants learned how the FBI can assist with retrieving evidence from cell phones to aid in law enforcement investigations. RTI International is developing a sexual assault curriculum to assist the Jackson PD with its sexual assault response. This quarter, RTI and the Jackson PD discussed the Jackson PD's current capacities, strategies, and needs related to sexual assault response.

Local Updates

Carjackings declined 50 percent year-to-date as of December.⁸ The Jackson PD hired a new grant writer this quarter to help support its grant strategy as it relates to its violent crime reduction goals and initiatives. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety is working with the city of Jackson to receive a grant to implement hot-spot policing.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Memphis, Tennessee

Federal Partnerships

A joint operation in October involving the USAO—Western District of Tennessee, ATF, and the Memphis PD's violent crime unit resulted in the indictment of five individuals involved in firearm-related carjackings. These partners hold monthly meetings to review carjacking cases. The Multi-Agency Gang Unit participated in a joint task force operation with USMS in October to locate offenders on outstanding murder warrants and located 11 of the 16 outstanding suspects.

Gun Violence

The Memphis PD reported that by the end of November 2018, 2,204 stolen firearms had been seized by the department year-to-date. In November, Memphis reported that the Memphis PD and ATF processed more than 1,000 NIBIN submissions between January and November 2018 and developed 356 leads year-to-date from NIBIN acquisitions. The Memphis PD and the Multi-Agency Gang Unit participated in comprehensive NIBIN gun-trace training from subject expert Mark Kraft in November in support of the creation of a regional Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) in Memphis. The Memphis PD, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and the Tennessee State Police conducted joint operations along local interstates to combat the increase in violence on the interstate, including road-rage shootings.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Memphis conducted its second focused deterrence effort with a new cohort of nine offenders, all of whom were gang members. This effort aims to reduce recidivism of top violent offenders by providing community support and resources. An individual who participated in the first focused deterrence group attended this call-in to speak to the new group about his experience in this effort and the possibilities for success to encourage continued participation. Site visits related to the PSP prosecution assessment for the Shelby County District Attorney's Office took place in both November and December. This comprehensive assessment has been ongoing since April 2018 to assess policies, procedures, and processes related to homicide and other violent crime cases in Memphis. A site visit was also conducted in December to develop Memphis's violence reduction strategic plan. Subject experts Dr. Rick Rosenfeld and Nola Joyce led this TTA. This plan will help guide the rest of Memphis's PSP engagement moving forward.

Crime Analysis

The Memphis PD continued to use its "Blue Crush" hot-spot model in Raines Station in which the Memphis PD examines weekly crime maps to determine where crime is statistically concentrated and then saturates that area with officers.

Investigations

In October, the Memphis PD engaged in Operation Cool Down, similar to its Operation Summer Heat initiative that resulted in 522 total arrests and 105 recovered firearms. Using information produced by the crime analysis unit, the Memphis PD's violent crime unit assigned officers to conduct proactive patrols in areas identified as having high numbers of violent crime calls for service. Operation Cool Down resulted in the recovery of 29 weapons and 134 felony arrests. The Multi-Agency Gang Unit also conducted a joint task force operation, "Gone in 60 Seconds," with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to reduce auto thefts, which resulted in 49 individuals arrested. Representatives from the Memphis PD attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations training course on November 5–9 at the FBI Academy in Virginia to enhance investigations.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Federal Partnerships

The collaboration between the Milwaukee PD and its federal partners continued to be exemplary this quarter. The Milwaukee PD has task force officers assigned to the FBI. The DEA High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) group executed a search warrant in October that resulted in the seizure of two pistols and heroin. The USAO—Eastern District of Wisconsin assigned an Assistant U.S. Attorney to work with HIDTA one day a week to increase collaboration. The USMS warrant task force arrested six violent felons in Milwaukee through mid-October and three additional subjects through mid-November, one of whom was a high-value target.

Gun Violence

Milwaukee experienced a 14 percent decline in homicides in 2018 and a 15 percent decline in nonfatal shootings in 2018 compared to 2017.⁹ Earlier this year, the Milwaukee PD and its law enforcement partners implemented an enhanced shooting review process to collectively review shooting cases on a weekly basis. The FBI reported this quarter that two recent review meetings resolved 23 shootings.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office designated one drug-related and one gun-related case point person to enhance its focus on violent crime prosecutions. In October, the Network of Criminals (NOC) Youth Offender Program¹⁰ conducted a sweep targeting juvenile offenders responsible for carjackings. The Milwaukee PD put together a suburban violent crimes task force to combat carjacking sprees in the city, which typically have a NOC and suburban connection. In October, carjackings were down 18 percent for the year in the Center Street Corridor (CSC). As of December, carjackings were down 8 percent year-to-date citywide and 22 percent over a two-year period. The Milwaukee PD compiled a list of the most violent wanted offenders for nonfatal shootings and carjackings, which is shared with all divisions and USMS. In November, the site reported that nonfatal shootings were down 39 percent year-to-date in the CSC. The Milwaukee PSP team is working with subject expert Joan Brody on the development of a Police Foundation to support its other various crime-fighting goals and initiatives.

Investigations

Representatives from the Milwaukee PD attended an FBI DIVRT training course on October 24–26, where they learned techniques for extracting and editing digital video from camera systems to assist in law enforcement investigations and the identification of suspects. The FBI is working closely with the Milwaukee PD on business robberies—two subjects were taken into custody who were responsible for four interrelated business robberies. The Milwaukee PD reported that DIVRT has been helpful to these efforts. Investigators from DEA were able to gather and decipher video to identify visual commonalities (logos, hubcaps, etc.) to tie crimes together. The Wisconsin Department of Corrections assisted in the identification of subjects in the distributed videos.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Nashville, Tennessee

Federal Partnerships

In efforts to increase collaboration, ATF plans to assign two agents to four of the Metropolitan Nashville PD's precincts (eight total). These agents will work with investigators mainly on firearm- and NIBIN-related cases. The Metropolitan Nashville PD also has a liaison assigned to coordinate with ATF on NIBIN leads. In November, DOJ announced the creation of a new Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force, to consist of 12 additional opioid fraud prosecutors.¹¹ Each of these prosecutors will have a team of federal investigators and law enforcement agents to combat the opioid epidemic. The southern hub of this strike force will be based in Nashville.¹²

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Members of the Nashville PSP site team conducted an additional site visit in November to discuss the sustainment and expansion of Nashville's PSP violence reduction strategies with local and federal partners as it enters its third year of engagement. During this site visit, participants discussed the Metropolitan Nashville PD's increased community engagement and expansion of its successful collective efficacy precinct initiative, homicide hybrid team, and SNA use.

Crime Analysis

The Nashville PSP site team conducted a site visit in November to work with the Metropolitan Nashville PD on its SNA and data analysis preparation with subject expert Chief Joe McHale and its crime analysis patrol officer, federal agency, and precinct command SNA presentations and trainings. The Metropolitan Nashville PD provided SNA products to USMS that aided in locating fugitives this quarter.

Technology

In December, Nashville's mayor announced that the Metropolitan Nashville PD would begin a 90-day trial period to determine the best body-worn and dash cameras.¹³ The Metropolitan Nashville PD participated in peer exchanges related to body-worn cameras, including implementation requirements and policy development, earlier in its PSP engagement. Representatives from the Metropolitan Nashville PD also attended an FBI DIVRT training course on October 24–26, in Philadelphia, along with other PSP sites.

Investigations

Criminal homicides were down more than 24 percent in Nashville in 2018 compared to 2017.¹⁴ Members of the Metropolitan Nashville PD's homicide hybrid team reported in November that the initiative has been successful so far, with investigations becoming more efficient and knowledge levels increasing. This homicide hybrid team was established based on recommendations from the PSP homicide investigations assessment.

Community Engagement

Subject expert Dr. Craig Uchida conducted a site visit to Nashville in December to support the Metropolitan Nashville PD's community capacity assessment. This assessment seeks to identify systemic problems in specific neighborhoods that account for a majority of crime in a given precinct. In addition, the Metropolitan Nashville PD's West Precinct reported positive feedback from the community in November on its collective efficacy initiative. Officers assigned to the target area engage residents daily, and individuals have come forward in several instances to provide information that led to arrests. The West Precinct is considering how to expand this initiative into additional target areas.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

New Orleans, Louisiana

Federal Partnerships

The New Orleans PD is working to combat gang violence in its 5th District. Local and federal law enforcement partners in this district, including the USAO—Eastern District of Louisiana and ATF, have identified several key players in the area and will continue working with the crime lab and utilizing NIBIN to examine connections between offenders and incidents. New Orleans has reduced its NIBIN turnaround time¹⁵ from 19 days in 2017 to approximately 1 day in late 2018.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

New Orleans' PSP Strategic Site Liaison Nola Joyce conducted a site visit to support the New Orleans PD's strategic plan development. New Orleans' local and federal partners participated in this session. The session focused on strategic outcomes as New Orleans enters its third year of engagement and how to better utilize PSP resources to achieve these outcomes, especially those related to violent gun crime.

Technology

Representatives from the New Orleans PD attended an FBI DIVRT training class on October 24–26 in Philadelphia.

Investigations

New Orleans ended 2018 with the lowest number of murders since the early 1970s.¹⁶ In December, New Orleans also reported a 30 percent decrease in shootings and 12 percent reduction in armed robberies year-to-date.¹⁷ The New Orleans PD attributes some of this success to the increased use of crime cameras through the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) and the deployment of the New Orleans PD's Tactical Intelligence Gathering and Enforcement Response team. The RTCC opened in November 2017 to leverage technology to provide critical information to first responders and to assist with law enforcement investigations. The cameras in the RTCC are monitored 24/7. In one year of operation, the RTCC has worked more than 2,300 requests for assistance and saved an estimated 2,000 manpower hours for the New Orleans PD.¹⁸ This has allowed the New Orleans PD to spend more time building relationships with the community and enhancing investigations. The New Orleans PD reported that violence reduction efforts in the 6th District's PSP target area are showing success. The New Orleans PD continually updates its target list to ensure that its efforts are targeting the most prolific offenders.

Community Engagement

The New Orleans PD recently hired three new social workers using federal grant funding from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to better support victims of crime and supplement the city's overall violence reduction strategies. These social workers will be based in the city's 5th, 6th, and 7th Districts to serve as liaisons between victims and law enforcement. The New Orleans PD and the New Orleans PSP site team are exploring ways in which PSP can support the New Orleans PD's focus on domestic violence investigations and advocacy. These discussions have included OVC's National Training and Technical Assistance Center.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

St. Louis, Missouri

Gun Violence

In December, St. Louis reported a 14 percent reduction in overall crime and an 18 percent reduction in Commissioner John Hayden's violence reduction zone¹⁹ year-to-date compared to the same period in 2017. The St. Louis Metropolitan PD's gun crime intelligence center is helping law enforcement partners take a more strategic, targeted approach and develop stronger cases to focus on the quality of arrests rather than the quantity.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Law enforcement partners in St. Louis reported that license plate readers have helped significantly in catching those responsible for carjackings. The USAO—Eastern District of Missouri (EDMO) is working to support serial robbery investigations, including carjackings and business robberies, however possible. For example, the USAO—EDMO is adopting cases involving a stolen vehicle, even if carjacking cannot be proved directly. Representatives from the St. Louis Metropolitan PD; the Circuit Attorney's Office; and other participants from the community, such as judges and nonprofit support agencies, received training in November to support the development of St. Louis's domestic violence fatality review program.²⁰ Dr. Neil Websdale, Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, led this training. Discussions on the role of the criminal justice system and advocacy systems in fatality reviews and a mock review with facilitators were included in this training.

Investigations

In June 2018, USMS and the St. Louis Metropolitan PD conducted sex offender compliance checks of more than 500 offenders. Since then, the St. Louis Metropolitan PD has been working with USMS to follow up with those out of compliance. Representatives from the St. Louis Metropolitan PD also attended an IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations training course on November 5–9 at the FBI Academy in Virginia to enhance investigative processes and strategies.

Community Engagement

The St. Louis PSP site team and the St. Louis Metropolitan PD engaged in planning efforts with subject expert Laura McElroy for TTA on strategic messaging. This TTA will support the St. Louis Metropolitan PD and the Mayor's Office in effectively communicating their priorities and violence reduction goals.



Site Highlights: October–December 2018

Toledo, Ohio

Federal Partnerships

Local and federal partners collaborate regularly on case reviews in Toledo and are working to formalize the processes to ensure that prolific offenders receive the strongest sanctions. The USAO—Northern District of Ohio, the Toledo PD, and other local and federal partners hold weekly meetings to discuss cases and investigations. Moving forward, the Toledo PD plans to incorporate crime data into this meeting and focus on felon-in-possession-of-firearm arrests and tracking those cases through prosecution.

Gun Violence

In August 2018, the Toledo PD acquired a NIBIN machine and is currently working to develop NIBIN policies and train the department on NIBIN processes and investigations. The Toledo PD attended a TTA session in October, hosted by ATF, on CGIC development and implementation. Topics included CGIC data management, evidence collection, NIBIN entry and firearms processing, investigations, and local and federal prosecutors' roles in support of CGICs.

Crime Analysis

Representatives from the Naval Postgraduate School's (NPS) Common Operational Research Environment Lab traveled to Toledo to provide SNA training. Part of this training included how to extract data from different data sources, which is a priority for the Toledo PD. This training was conducted as follow up to the Toledo PD's attendance at the NPS SNA Symposium in May 2018. Representatives from the Toledo PD also attended the Foundations for Intelligence Analysis Training on December 3–7 in California. Topics addressed as part of this course included intelligence models and cycles, legal issues, source development, and analysis methods and skills. To support enhanced crime analysis capacity, the Toledo PD began planning efforts for a PSP crime analysis capacity assessment. This assessment will help identify gaps in the Toledo PD's operational processes and data integrity to support its goal of increased use of data-driven problem solving in addressing violent crime.

Investigations

Representatives from the Toledo PD attended an IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations training course on November 5–9 at the FBI Academy in Virginia to learn about enhanced investigative strategies.

Community Engagement

The Toledo PD conducted community engagement efforts in its recently identified geographic pilot area to focus PSP efforts and will continue these efforts into 2019. Local and federal partners, including both law enforcement and community groups, will work to support problem-solving and violence reduction efforts in this pilot area.



Endnotes

- ¹ ATF's NIBIN system automates ballistics evaluations and provides actionable, investigative leads in a timely manner.
- ² <https://www.cbs42.com/news/local/birmingham-police-department-begins-rehiring-retired-police-officers-program/1584385499>.
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- ⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdin/pr/us-department-justice-announces-partnership-anderson-university>.
- ⁸ <http://www.jacksonms.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4435>.
- ⁹ <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/crime/2018/12/30/milwaukee-homicides-decline-third-year-row/2417119002/>.
- ¹⁰ The Milwaukee PD's NOC Youth Offender Program uses SNA, intelligence, and criminal records to identify offenders; analyze the nexus between car thefts, shootings, and other types of violence; enhance collaboration between crime analysts and investigative officers; and form targeted approaches.
- ¹¹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/acting-attorney-general-matthew-whitaker-delivers-remarks-nashville-efforts-combat-opioid>.
- ¹² The northern hub will be based in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.
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- ¹⁴ <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2019/01/01/nashvilles-criminal-homicides-2018-down-nearly-quarter-over-year-prior/2300651002/>.
- ¹⁵ NIBIN turnaround time is defined as the time from seizure or recovery of evidence to entering the evidence into ballistics systems.
- ¹⁶ <https://www.nola.com/crime/2019/01/new-orleans-ends-2018-with-145-murders-fewest-in-nearly-half-a-century.html>.
- ¹⁷ https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/crime_police/article_be5ac24c-ffc0-11e8-ad65-d74ce16b6c85.html.
- ¹⁸ <http://www.louisianaweekly.com/mayor-public-safety-officials-tout-success-of-real-time-crime-center/>.
- ¹⁹ Commissioner Hayden's violence reduction zone is an area in the city of St. Louis with historically high violent crime. Local and federal law enforcement have focused resources there in an effort to reduce violent crime and improve the quality of life for residents.
- ²⁰ State legislation that allows the creation of a domestic violence fatality review board and information sharing among partner agencies was passed in June 2018. The St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office; the St. Louis Metropolitan PD; and other site partners, including the St. Louis PSP site team, have been working toward this goal since 2016.

Upcoming 2019 Events

JANUARY 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24–25: 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference

January 28 – February 9: IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course: Tampa, Florida

FEBRUARY 2019						
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January 28 – February 9: IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course: Tampa, Florida

6–7: 2019 Los Angeles Police Department Crime Fighters Conference

20–21: Memphis Comprehensive Gang Model TTA

25–28: DIVRT Training: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MARCH 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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11–15: IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course: New Orleans, Louisiana

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Memphis, Tennessee



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Symposium on Violent Crime

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) is tentatively planning to host the 2019 PSP Symposium on Violent Crime on September 9–11, in Memphis, Tennessee. This invitation-only event will convene executive leaders and key stakeholders from PSP sites, DOJ officials, and subject experts to examine programs of interest and additional evidence-based practices to increase public safety, enhance partnerships in the participating communities, and reduce violent crime specifically related to guns, gangs, and drugs. The symposium will feature the following:

- Customized agenda-based input from the PSP sites
- Plenary/breakout session guest speakers
- Site consultation with noted violence reduction subject experts and DOJ officials
- Networking with other PSP site delegates
- Information on DOJ violence reduction resources

DOJ looks forward to offering you an outstanding event that will enhance your experience with PSP going forward. The PSP team will be reaching out to you in the coming months to inquire about specific areas of need and interest for your site. Please note, this event is pending official DOJ conference approval.

If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@pspartnership.org.

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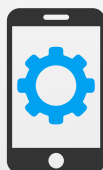
Strategic Solutions to Increase Public Safety

The **Public Safety Clearinghouse** is an innovative new tool that will change the way you find, save, and share violence reduction resources. Designed to leverage the lessons learned and violence reduction resources available across DOJ components, the Clearinghouse has hundreds of resources—such as training, technical assistance, publications, and evidence-based strategies—all available at your fingertips. Best of all, the Clearinghouse is interactive and allows you to develop a customized toolkit of resources based on your city's unique challenges and opportunities.



How to Build a Toolkit

- » **Step 1:** Select a Topic or Keyword Search
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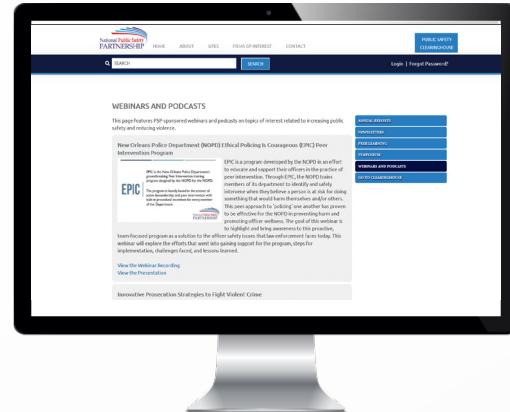
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To access these and other resources, visit www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org.

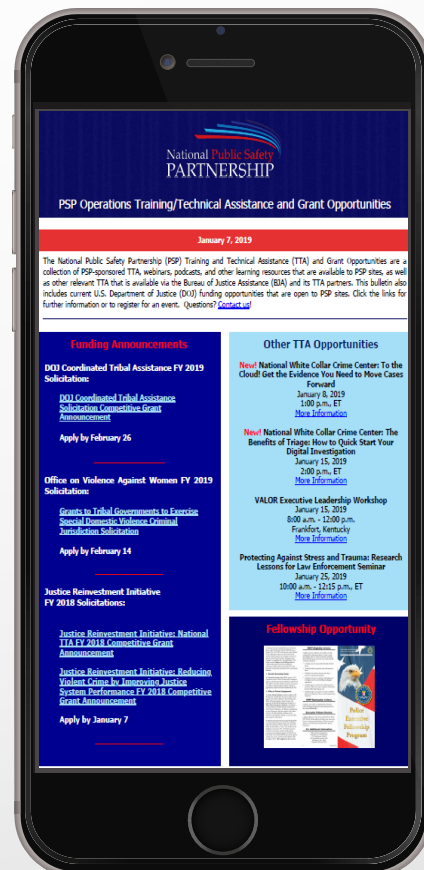
Webinars and Podcasts



To access all of the PSP webinars, visit www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Home/ItemsOfInterest/Webinars.

PSP Operations Training/Technical Assistance and Grant Opportunities Bulletin

The *PSP Operations Training/Technical Assistance and Grant Opportunities* bulletin is distributed biweekly and serves as a one-stop resource for PSP sites regarding upcoming learning opportunities, such as peer exchanges, webinars, conferences, and meetings; DOJ publication releases and competitive grant solicitations; featured toolkits from the Public Safety Clearinghouse on emerging issues in the criminal justice community; and other information regarding violent crime strategies for the PSP sites. [Click here to subscribe](#).



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