Prosecution Strategies for Violence Reduction

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Objectives of This Webinar

- Provide an overview of the KC NoVA and BRAVE violence reduction programs
- Discuss steps for implementation of the programs
- Provide insight on achieved outcomes, challenges, and lessons learned
Today’s Speakers

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Focused Deterrence and the BRAVE Strategy
(Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination)

Presented to
The Violence Reduction Network (VRN)

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Focused Deterrence

“Pulling levers”

Show that the cost of crime outweighs the benefits (Zimring & Hawkins, 1973)

• Identify the primary crime and target offenders
• Convene an interagency team
• “Pull levers” that:
  o Sanction target offenders and their groups
  o Offer preventative services/resources
• Communicate these messages:
  o You are targeted by the initiative
    Here’s why…
  o Levers are in place. They are…
  o Community imperative:
    Crime must stop!
BRAVE Strategy
Violence in Baton Rouge in 2012

Among the Top 25 “Most Dangerous Cities” in the U.S. — Business Insider, 2012

60% Group Member Involved (GMI)

Among the Top 25 “Most Dangerous Cities” in the U.S.

Mostly in 2 zip codes
Baton Rouge Responds

2012
- BRAVE Project Director
- Consult D. Kennedy, NNSC
- LSU Research Partner
- Exxon-Mobile Industrial Partner
- Chief Fealey, Officer Training
- 1st Community Engagement Meeting
- Service Provider Network formed
- Living Faith press conference
- Univ. of Cincinnati training

2013
- OJJDP Community Violence
- Unfunded – 2011
- Funded- 2012

2014
- NNSC training
- Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) expansion
- “Cops & Clergy” training

2015
- IDP training
- Crime Strategies Unit (CSU) introduced

New Norm

- OJJDP grant expansion
- Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) awarded
- City of Milwaukee training

New Form
The BRAVE Strategy

• **Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)**
  - Data-driven enforcement
  - Call-ins
  - Custom notification

• **Multisector Partnership Strategy**
  - Interagency service coordination
  - Research & Industry partners
  - Faith-based & community groups
BRAVE
GVRS
Strategy
GVRS Data-Driven Approach

Who commits violent crime...
..with whom
...when (days & times)
...traveling to/from where
...in what locations

Dash Board Report
GVRS Call-Ins & Custom Notifications

Law enforcement & community partners communicate moral message against violence to select targets (most likely to kill or be killed)

CALL-IN STEPS
1. IDENTIFY GROUPS, GANGS, & MEMBERS
2. CONDUCT INCIDENT REVIEWS TO DETERMINE PROBLEM
3. DEMONSTRATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION
4. ORGANIZE SOCIAL SERVICES & COMMUNITY MORAL VOICES
5. IDENTIFY/NOTIFY 1ST GROUP FOR CALL-IN
6. CONDUCT CALL-IN OF 1ST GROUP
7. CONDUCT SWEEP OF 1ST GROUP
8. REPEAT
GVRS Call-Ins & Custom Notifications

Call-In Effects of Violent Crime

Participants reduce violent activity in the short-term (especially for earlier call-ins)...

...but crime reduction among participants’ associates is pronounced and enduring.
BRAVE
Multisector Partnership Strategy
Interagency Service Providers

BRAVE links at-risk youth & their siblings to needed services

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Industry & Research

Industry partners link youth to jobs

Research partners provide analytic support

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20O-F5dMJlM
Faith-Based & Community

• Community events
  o Back-to-School backpacks
  o Community Clean-up & Canvas
  o School visits/mentorship
• “Cops & Clergy” training
Cops & Clergy Training

Cops and Clergy.mp4
The BRAVE Today (and Tomorrow)

Violent crime is down. Adaptation is needed.

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<th>Violent Crime</th>
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Hotspots are shrinking. Every day is safer since BRAVE.
The BRAVE Today (and Tomorrow)

Lessons Learned

• Faith-based relationship and community trust
• Despite industry partners, transportation is an issue
• Balancing group offenders and repeat offenders
• Involving judges and prosecutors in the process

Baton Rouge

Crime Strategies Unit (CSU)

September 1, 2015
THANK YOU!

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Kansas City No Violence Alliance

Jean Peters Baker
Jackson County Prosecutor
FBI: Chicago officially America's murder capital

September 19, 2013 FoxNews.com

270 Chicago Children Killed

December 12, 2012 Huffington Post

Amid weekend of violence, 6 children shot Sunday night

Chicago Tribune April 21, 2014

Chicago mom loses all four children to gun violence

January 28, 2013 CBS News

Chicago needs National Guard to help deter Violent Crime

May 18, 2014 Examiner.com

How Chicago Became the Deadliest City in America

November 23, 2012 Business Insider

**Aggravated Assaults**

- National Average: 242.3
- Denver: 205.6
- Oklahoma City: 379.2
- Chicago: 458.9
- Kansas City: 755

**Murder**

- National Average: 4.8
- Denver: 6.2
- Oklahoma City: 14.3
- Chicago: 18.5
- Kansas City: 22.6
Kansas City Homicides—Average 114 Annually
# High Cost of a Single Murder

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Travel
America’s 50 Best Cities

By Alex Konrad on September 22, 2012

Kansas City, Missouri

Rank: 15
Population: 458,064

Were it not for its high crime rate, Missouri’s largest city might rank even higher.

Residents working in the city’s downtown area are watched over by the iconic Kansas City Power & Light Building, while shoppers can get lost in local shopping centers such as Country Club Plaza and the Legends at Village West. For a unique blend of technology, arts, and history, residents can always stop by the city’s old transportation hub, Union Station.

Bars: 113
Restaurants: 921
Museums: 28
Libraries: 19
Pro sports teams: 3
Park acres per 1,000 residents: 36
Colleges: 15
Percent with graduate degree: 7.3
Median household income: $59,980
Beyond the Numbers
What Is KC NoVA?

A violence reduction initiative utilizing an evidence-based approach called *focused deterrence*

A multiagency, multifaceted collaboration in Kansas City
Kansas City No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA)

• This is not a new idea. It is new to Kansas City. It has been done and is being done in numerous cities—producing the desired result (lower homicide numbers)

• The cities (to name a few) include:
  • Boston, MA
  • Cincinnati, OH
  • Highpoint, NC
How It Works

**Step 1** – Organize your team

**Step 2** – Identify problem, including violent group/gangs and members

**Step 3** – Engage community

**Step 4** – Directly engage and deliver core message

**Step 5** – Deliver promises/consequences

**Step 6** – Measure and repeat
Group Interventions
Group Interventions
KC NoVA’s Network—Homicide
Focused Deterrence Three Basic Messages

• Moral voice. *Violence can no longer be tolerated*. Its impact on our community is too devastating

• The *next group involved in violence will face enforcement* from all partners in this effort, including ATF, FBI, and U.S. Attorney’s Office. This means every member of the group faces a consequence

• *We will help you with social services and other help*, if you will accept. We want to help you improve your life
KC NoVAs 2nd call-in of 2014.mp4
Homicide Numbers Since 2010

- 2010: 106
- 2011: 114
- 2012: 109
- 2013: 106
- 2014: 79
Questions

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Question-and-Answer Session

Facilitated by Mr. Carmen Facciolo, BJA Policy Advisor
VRN Closing Remarks

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