



Gainesville Police Department Strategic Initiative 1st Quarter FY 09-10

Initiative 1.1

Develop and Continue Programs to Reduce the Causes of Crime (Ex. Dispute Resolution Center, Community-Oriented Policing)

1. Continued expansion of the Design Out Crime Program (CPTED) with long-term goal of codifying

- Several Design Out Crime Programs have been held this year: Tree Trail Apartments and Gardenia Apartments. Both involved on-site analysis and presentations. Management was given a list of the areas where they needed to be more aware – this included vegetation, maintenance of lights, ingress and egress and stricter tenant enforcement.
- Area to codify include fencing, lettering (already codified but may need to be revisited due to size of letters and colors); lighting (already codified, but again may need to be evaluated); and shrubbery.
- Codes Enforcement provided familiarization and are now in the process of sending their personnel to formalized Attorney General Training over next 2 years.
- Apartment Complex Map / Way finder Project – Fall Public Safety referral completed. Where large complexes would benefit from such a map, template letter development and contact with CPO's to encourage this type of device.

1. Continued expansion of the Design Out Crime Program (CPTED) with long-term goal of codifying (cont'd)

- Discussed in District 3 Citizen's Council and support for codifying mixed. However, follow up on Council member's requests led to presentation to the North Central Florida Business Council.

2. Continue community outreach through presentations to the community, the use of customer satisfaction surveys and internet-based feedback

- As of December 10th, 2008, 213 citizens (98.6%) have completed the GPD citizen surveys.
 - 66% of respondents rate GPD good to excellent
 - 68% rate safety in their neighborhoods good to excellent
 - Top public safety concerns in neighborhoods:
 - 1. Burglary
 - 2. Traffic
 - 3. Narcotics
 - 4. Robbery
 - 62% of respondents want presentation on Robbery/Burglary prevention

3. Construct Community Policing and Training Center

- Met with neighbors and members of the City Commission regarding the new campus plan. Some opposition has arisen with regards to the Rails to Trails, the retention pond, and the layout of the Community Policing Center. Current consideration is being given to moving the Community Policing and Training Center to a one story structure. Training is being moved back inside the main building at 721 NW 6th Street. Meetings are being scheduled to mitigate some citizen concerns with regards to the status of the project and should be held within the next several weeks or the first of the year.
- If all goes well, a final site plan should be completed by the early part of 2009 and depending on funding, the bid process can proceed with construction for the latter part of 2009.

GPD Master Plan

1. Operations and Investigations Center
2. Water Retention Area
3. Property and Evidence Processing Building
4. Public Parking
5. Staff Parking
6. Police Administration Building
7. Tactical Training Center
8. Community Policing and Training Center
9. Additional Parking
10. Courtyard
11. Intelligence Center



4. Participate in the implementation of the final Juvenile Justice Initiative recommendations

- The Gainesville Police Department played an integral role in the development of the Juvenile Justice Council. One of our members serves as their Chairperson for this year. A growing body of research has sought to elucidate the causes of juvenile's violent crime rates. This literature has focused on a variety of causal factors including: social, economic, psychological, and environmental features. A sizable body of literature has found a connection between high rates of crime, economic inequality and poverty. (Young and French, 1996; Baumer, 1994; Sampson, 1987) With this in mind, a committee of citizens from across our community, representing a diverse background, has been working to develop a comprehensive Juvenile Justice Plan for Alachua County.

4. Participate in the implementation of the final Juvenile Justice Initiative recommendations (cont'd)

- Participants in this planning process have reached consensus that effective prevention efforts should aim in the areas of:
 - Truancy Prevention
 - Teenage Pregnancy Prevention
 - Drug/Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Juvenile Violence and Property Crime Prevention
 - Mental Health
 - Academic Tutoring/Mentoring
 - Parenting Skills
 - Job Skills
 - Recreational Programming

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- At the time of this report, a plan has been developed. We have invited several people in the community to review the plan. On December 9th, 2008, at the invitation of former Gainesville Police Chief Atkins Warren, we invited members from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (N.O.B.L.E.) to Gainesville to review and to make recommendations regarding our plan. N.O.B.L.E.'s Project Managers, Pamela Chapman and Deshonna Alise Collier, are both affiliated with the Youth Violence Reduction Initiative sponsored by N.O.B.L.E. The next step in this project is for them to submit a report of their findings, with recommendations, for us to consider for implementation of the Juvenile Justice Plan.

5. Implement a Combined Crime Analysis Center with ACSO

- The preliminary discussions have already taken place with regards to combining the two analysis centers. About 2,600 feet will house all the analysts. It will be a co-located center. The goal is to streamline and make the crime analysis process more efficient and effective. Blueprints have been completed and equipment identified. Rezoning of the campus plan was a must and was just completed. Staff is submitting the blueprints for start of the review/bid process. The outside or façade of the structure will be dictated by the overall site analysis plan once it has been decided.

6. Implement Mediation / Conflict Resolution / Restorative Justice Program

- March '08:
 - Community Relations Coordinator hired
- June '08:
 - Policy/Planning Committee Meeting
 - GPD's Center for Community Conflict Resolution established
 - Center's staff member receives certification as Mediator
 - Community mediations begin
 - Roll call training for sworn GPD staff
- July '08:
 - Mediations continue
 - Meetings with State Attorney's office and Public Defender's Office begin to identify and establish process for restorative justice cases
 - Meet with Student Community Relations Advisory Board (City of Gainesville)

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- August '08:
 - Mediations continue
 - Meetings with State Attorney's office and Alternative Dispute Resolution Center continue
- September '08:
 - Mediations continue
 - Presentation on mediation and restorative justice provided to the City of Gainesville Commission
 - Establish working relationship with University of Florida Office of Student Judicial Affairs
- October '08:
 - Mediations continue

6. Implement Mediation / Conflict Resolution / Restorative Justice Program (cont'd)

- November '08:
 - Seminar on Restorative Justice Practices presented to Planning/Policy Committee, GPD Command Staff and Stakeholders by Dr. Sandra Pavelka from Florida Gulf Coast University
 - Center Coordinator receives certification in Domestic Violence Mediation
- December '08:
 - Mediations continue
 - Planning phase begins for identification and training of Community Board
 - Finalizing process for Criminal Mediation with State Attorney's Office and Eighth Circuit Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution
- January/February '09:
 - Identification and training of Community Board for Restorative Justice cases

7. Continue education efforts to reduce drug activity (SRO's, Black on Black Crime Task Force, Reichert House, CPO's)

- The Crime Prevention Officers (CPO's) have been working with the crime analysts and district personnel in alerting citizens to any crime patterns, many of which are committed by people using or involved with drug activity. The CPO's have handed out fliers and contacted the Neighborhood Watch Groups to alert them to the danger of drugs and the effects on neighborhoods. The CPO's have also worked with the School Resource Officers (SRO's) in an effort to target young people and make them aware of the dangers of drugs.
- With the Department embracing Information Led Policing, the CPO's will take a proactive role in crime prevention. They will be at the forefront of alerting neighborhoods to potential crime issues before they come a major issue or concern.

7. Continue education efforts to reduce drug activity (SRO's, Black on Black Crime Task Force, Reichert House, CPO's) – (cont'd)

- Our Community Resource Division believes that there is much creditability to the following: *"Every American child will face a conscious choice whether to smoke, drink or use [other] drugs before they graduate from high school. What each chooses will be related to a host of factors, including parental and family engagement, religious and moral values, genetics, learning disabilities and psychological factors. Schools have a unique opportunity to affect two of the critical factors: availability of drugs and students' perception of risk in using them."* (CASA, 2001).
- Our School Resource Officers have been involved in instruction using curriculum designed to discourage the use of illegal drugs in all the schools where we currently have officers assigned. These Officers teach courses, both formally and informally, designed to discourage drug use. Efforts have been delivered at the following campuses: Gainesville High School, the Horizon/New Pathways Center, and, on a limited basis, at the A. Quinn Jones Center.

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- This summer, the Black on Black Crime Task Force addressed the economics of illegal drugs in our community. One of the critical questions is whether, or to what degree, prohibition actually reduces the use or sale of illegal drugs and the long-term community impact that illegal drugs have on the individual participants of the neighborhood, the city and the county. In May of 2008, Mr. Jim Fisher, formerly the Narcotics Prosecutor from the State Attorney's Office, gave a presentation on the consequences of participating in the illegal drug market.
- This presentation was so well received by a primarily adult audience, that they recommend it be presented before an audience of at-risk youth. In June of 2008, the Black on Black Crime Task Force collaborated with the State Attorney's Office and asked that this presentation be made before 50 youth, who were on felony probation in our county. The program was well received. We would like to continue to do this.

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- Therefore, in 2009, we are planning to introduce the Gang Resistance and Education Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, which is a school-based, law enforcement/officer-instructed classroom curriculum. This is a national program, with prevention as its primary objective. The program is intended as an immunization against delinquency for middle school youth, youth violence, gang membership, and drug prevention. We intend to train Officers in this instruction for delivery of this program to our youth. Another prevention tool, used within the school district, is a drug-sniffing K-9. A member of the School Resource Officer Unit of the Gainesville Police Department and school officials will use the drug-sniffing K-9 for regular, random drug searches in the County's high schools. Doing this will help to send a message to anyone who brings illegal drugs on campuses that there is a great probability that they will be detected. Observing these events will help remind our youngest students that drugs are a bad choice and that drug activity will not be tolerated at school.

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- The goal of substance abuse prevention is a critical step in the development of youth, to enable them to reach the age of maturity. The members of the Reichert House Youth Academy receive ongoing sessions of Substance Abuse Training. The Reichert House has also adopted a policy of random drug testing, with prior, written, parental approval. If a child has tested positive for an illegal substance, that child must begin a treatment process, which is offered through the Corner Drug Store. A total of five (5) youth tested positive.

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- **Comprehensive DUI & Underage Drinking Plan**
 - August 2007 – August 2008
 - Goal: Reduced DUI related and underage drinking related crimes
 - Results: 312 DUI and 1,255 underage drinking arrests
 - Efforts:
 - Party Patrol
 - Traffic checkpoints, saturation & uniformed patrols
 - SAFE-T Kiosk = Safe assistance & education team in College Park
 - A “Best Practice” at Responsible Hospitality Institute conference
 - Hospitality District training for bar staff
 - UF & Santa Fe College safety fairs
 - GPD Police Beat feature
 - Public school education & yearbook advertising
 - National webinar hosted by GPD on “Innovative crime prevention”
 - Partners: ABT, GRHP, PIPSA, UF graduate students & Student Government, SFC, public schools

8. Continue Tactical Impact Unit's Focus on Violent Crime

- In January 2007, the Violent Crime Task Force was formed to augment existing efforts for combating rising violent crime trends. The Task Force was made permanent in September 2007 and renamed The Tactical Impact Unit (TIU). This unit works the hours most common for robbery and weapons violations and provides comprehensive resources at the onset of investigations to increase the probability for quick resolution.
- TIU Initiatives
 - Membership with US Marshall's Fugitive Task Force
 - Collaborative enforcement efforts with ASO through Operation Good Will
 - Collaborative efforts with Combined Drug Task Force
 - Enhanced relationship with Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms
 - Enhanced relationship with Federal Bureau of Investigations

8. Continue Tactical Impact Unit's Focus on Violent Crime (cont'd)

- Other TIU projects include:
 - A security camera ordinance proposal
 - The introduction of A.L.P.R. technology to GPD (Automatic License Plate Readers)
 - Warrant Batching

8. Continue Tactical Impact Unit's Focus on Violent Crime (cont'd)

Calendar Year 2008
January - December

Question	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
How many media productions were developed to deliver the anti-gun violence message?	3	3	4	2	12
How many gun violence/gang investigations were conducted?	43	34	18	17	112
How many offenders were arrested for criminal activity involving firearms?	9	23	15	23	70
How many search/arrest warrants were served on targeted individuals in firearms related activity?	5	6	4	9	24

8. Continue Tactical Impact Unit's Focus on Violent Crime (cont'd)

Calendar Year 2008
January - December

Question	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
Overtime hours worked combating firearms related activity?	211	189	289	143	832
How many firearm related homicides occurred in the city?	1	0	0	0	1
Was there a reduction in firearm related homicides in city compared to last year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
How many combined homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies committed involving firearm occurred in city?	Not provided on Performance Report	34	43	38	115

9. Continue Combined City / County Drug Task Force

- In October of 2007, Chief Botsford and Sheriff Darnell organized the Gainesville – Alachua County Drug Task Force. This restructuring was conducted in an effort to combine resources and share intelligence information in an effort to combat narcotics violation throughout Gainesville/Alachua County. The Drug Task Force (DTF) is comprised of members from the Gainesville Police Department, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, University Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. DTF detectives investigate street-, mid- and upper-level drug violations and coordinate prosecution through the State Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office.
- During 2008, the DTF conducted 85 street-level drug investigations in the high profile open air drug markets where most of our citizen complaints center around. In addition, over 350 attempted drug buys were conducted by investigators targeting the impacted neighborhoods.

9. Continue Combined City / County Drug Task Force (cont'd)

- In 2006 Alachua County was designated as a HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area). This designation allows for funding of drug investigations which include drug buy money and overtime funds. Effective in 2008, the DTF took control of the HIDTA coordinating all HIDTA investigations. The DTF command staff looks forward to numerous successful HIDTA investigations in the upcoming year.
- Four DTF detectives are currently assigned to the DEA local resident office as Task Force Officers (TFOs). These officers identify and investigate major drug activity in the Gainesville/Alachua County area and seek federal indictments. Many cases initiated by the DTF are forwarded to the DEA who coordinates all federal DTF cases through the U.S. Attorney's Office. This results in federal indictments and significant sentencing for local drug dealers. During 2008, TFO's federally indicted 17 drug traffickers who were responsible for distributing large quantities of narcotics into Gainesville/Alachua County. These officers also participated in two wire tap investigations resulting in several drug traffickers federally indicted. As a result of these indictments, significant forfeitures are forthcoming.

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2008 Case Statistics

Total Cases Initiated:	447
Assist Other Agency	2
Buy Bust	28
Controlled Buy	161
Cannabis Grow Operation	14
Knock and Talk	15
Other (undefined)	39
Package Interdiction	8
Prescription Fraud	6
Street Buy	85
Search Warrant	38
Trafficking	31

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2008 Case Statistics

Items Seized:	
Cocaine	128 ounces
Cannabis	286 ounces
Cannabis Plants	796
Firearms	75
Currency	\$78,000
Gold	9 ounces