
STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 1.1

GOAL # 1: PUBLIC SAFETY

Maintain a safe and healthy community in which to live

INITIATIVE 1.1: DEVELOP AND CONTINUE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE CAUSES OF CRIME (EX. DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING)

Champion: Norm Botsford, Police Chief

Sponsoring Commissioner: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Commissioner (At-large)

Committee: Public Safety Committee

Stakeholders: Public, Neighborhoods, Businesses, University of Florida (UF), Gainesville Downtown Owners and Tenants (GDOT), Black on Black Crime Task Force, Santa Fe College (SFC), other law enforcement agencies (local, state, federal), Alachua County School Board (ACSB)

Desired Outcome: Implementation of programs that help to reduce the causes of crime and increase the feeling of safety within the community.

Background: This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2006 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 12, 2007, then adopted again on February 25, 2008 as an on-going initiative. GPD has identified the some of the major causes of crime in the community, including the sale and use of drugs, lack of parental attention and educational opportunities and GPD has identified programs to address these causes of crime.

Progress to Date:

In February 2007, the Violent Crime Task Force was formed to target the increase in violent crime. The success of this Task Force resulted in the implementation of the Tactical Impact Unit, a permanent entity targeting violent crime which began in September 2007.

The Community Policing and Training Center design process continued as well as program development. Step five of the Design process was completed during the City Commission meeting on November 26, 2007. While the design process continues, work on the main Police Building has been moved up in the construction schedule which may change the finish dates of this project.

The Comprehensive DUI/Underage Drinking Plan began in August 2007. It is a collaborative effort amongst community stakeholders, law enforcement, Shands Hospital, the University of Florida, Santa Fe College, Alachua County Schools, professional stakeholders and other practitioners with emphasis on enforcement, education, treatment and prevention.

Supporting Documentation:

- [2007 Gainesville Police Department Annual Report](#)

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Action Plan to Reduce Causes of Crime for FYs 2009 – 2010

Action Steps	Estimated Completion Date:
1. Continued expansion of the Design Out Crime Program (CPTED) with long-term goal of codifying	On-going
2. Continue community outreach through presentations to the community, the use of customer satisfaction surveys and internet-based feedback	On-going
3. Construct Community Policing and Training Center	2009/2010
4. Participate in the implementation of the final Juvenile Justice Initiative recommendations	October 2008
5. Implement a Combined Intelligence Center with ACSO	April 2009
6. Implement Mediation / Conflict Resolution / Restorative Justice Program	October 2009
7. Continue education efforts to reduce drug activity (School Resource Officer, Black on Black Crime Task Force, Reichert House, Community Resource Officers)	On-going
8. Continue Tactical Impact Unit's focus on violent crime	On-going
9. Continue combined City / County Drug Task Force	On-going

Critical Success Measures:

- Complete the restorative justice program by October 2009
- Number of community presentations given
- Percent of residents who believe crime and drugs are a major problem
- Crime rate comparisons with like communities through the use of the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCRS) and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Statistics