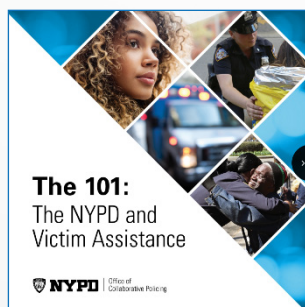


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The National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) promotes strategic implementation of public safety strategies combined with enhanced collaboration among local and federal law enforcement and the community. This edition of the *PSP Quarterly Newsletter* features site highlights focused on enhancing public safety, building capacity, and reducing violent crime.

This quarter, PSP sites participated in a wide variety of training and technical assistance (TTA) opportunities, including:

- An International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA) Advanced Homicide/ Violent Crimes Investigations Course
- A PSP webinar on the victim assistance efforts of the New York, New York, Police Department (PD) and the resources available through the U.S. Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Comprehensive Gang Training
- Technology Assessments
- Violence Reduction Strategic Planning Development
- The 2019 Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, Crime Fighters Conferences
- Crime Analysis Capacity Assessments
- Strategic Messaging TTA
- Grants Landscape Reviews



PSP hosted a webinar in March on the work the New York PD has done to modify its victim assistance. Over the course of five years, the New York PD worked diligently to transform the ways it serves and responds to victims. The New York PD asked its executive leadership to survey all bureaus and offices within the department, asking two vital questions: how officers interacted with victims of crime and how those interactions could be improved. Every function of the New York PD was examined to enhance its perceived response to victims of crime. Input was also sought from victim advocates and service providers through proactive interactions with these entities. This webinar

provided an overview of the ways in which the New York PD enhanced its response to victims of crime; the internal and external assessments that the New York PD completed to produce the initiatives currently in place; the Crime Victim Assistance Program, which has been the cornerstone of the department’s efforts to improve its response to victims of crime; and the resources available through OVC.

Webinar Speakers



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2019 Crime Fighters Conferences

Chicago, Illinois

On January 24–25, 2019, the Chicago PD hosted the second annual international Chicago Crime Fighters Conference. This two-day event focused on violence reduction strategies, analytics, technology, and community engagement and was supported by a collaboration with PSP, the University of Chicago Crime Lab, the Chicago Police Foundation, and the Major Cities Chiefs Association. More than 200 law enforcement leaders attended the conference from across the United States (including PSP sites), in addition to international law enforcement executives from London and Ireland.

The first day of the conference featured a tour of three police districts. PSP sites learned about the data-driven policing strategies implemented across Chicago through the Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSCs). SDSCs serve as district-level intelligence centers that bring together real-time data such as gunshot detection, video surveillance, and crime information into one platform to drive predictive analytics, deployment, crime prevention, and response efforts. Several community leaders presented to the group on outreach and violence interruption efforts in partnership with the Chicago PD.

The second day of the conference convened Chicago PD executives, district commanders, SDSC coordinators, detectives, analysts, and other public safety leaders from across Chicago, along with the PSP sites and other law enforcement guests. U.S. Attorney John Lausch, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, and Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel addressed the attendees. Workshops delivered on Day Two were part of a pilot training based on the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide, which was introduced by Chief Ed Flynn, who recently retired from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, PD. The training featured speakers from the Los Angeles PD; the Seattle, Washington, PD; the New York PD; and the London Metropolitan Police Services. Workshops focused on analytics and intelligence, collaborative problem-solving, investigative tactics, and community engagement. Throughout the day, the attendees heard from Chicago PD Superintendent Eddie Johnson, BJA Deputy Director for Policy Kristen Mahoney, numerous district commanders, and other leaders on Chicago's innovative public safety strategies, prosecution collaboration, implemented technology, and the national perspective on violence reduction.

Chicago concluded 2018 with reductions in nearly every major crime category, including murders, shootings, robberies, burglaries, and carjackings. The Chicago PD credits the ongoing reductions in violent crime to strengthened community partnerships, technology, data-driven policing, and the creation of the SDSCs in 20 of the 22 police districts. Chicago is a PSP pilot program alumni site.



A presentation on the SDSCs at the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference



2019 Crime Fighters Conferences

Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles PD hosted the 2019 Crime Fighters Leadership Conference on February 6–7, 2019. This two-day event convened leaders from DOJ and police executives from across the country, including PSP sites Kansas City, Missouri; Miami, Florida; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Houston, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and New Orleans, Louisiana. This conference served as a peer learning opportunity for PSP sites and DOJ to learn about the Los Angeles PD's data-driven and precision policing, technology integration, professional standards, and violence reduction strategies.

On the first day of the conference, attendees observed a CompStat inspection of the Los Angeles Operations Valley Bureau East to discuss year-end crime trends, effective tactics and deployment strategies for 2019, and current crime issues in the Bureau. Following the CompStat inspection, attendees toured the South Bureau's Community Safety Operations Center (CSOC), a decentralized intelligence and operational hub established to reduce firearm-related violent crime in the busiest police stations in Los Angeles. The CSOC tracks real-time deployment and crime activity and is centrally located to detectives, specialized units, and the gun tracing lab. This proximity allows for expedited processing of firearm evidence and more effective communication to promote successful investigations and prosecution of violent gun crime.

Attendees also visited the Southeast Area station to learn about crime fighting at the divisional level, predictive policing efforts, daily missions, community partnerships, and data-driven strategies to drive deployment, focusing on proactive policing in addition to responsive policing. The second day of the conference convened Los Angeles PD executives from across the department, PSP sites, and DOJ. Then-Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein provided the keynote address to more than 200 attendees. Mr. Rosenstein reinforced DOJ's commitment to fighting violent crime, acknowledged the progress being made in Los Angeles and many of the PSP cities, and emphasized the value of partnerships at all levels to reduce crime.



Office of Justice Programs (OJP) then-Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt Dummermuth and other participants attending a meeting during the 2019 Los Angeles Crime Fighters Conference



Commissioner Bill Bratton (Retired) presenting during the 2019 Los Angeles Crime Fighters Conference

Los Angeles PD Chief Michel Moore discussed his vision for 2019, including concepts for policing with purpose, compassion, and partnerships. Assistant Chief of Operations Robert Arcos also shared the Los Angeles PD's strategies for building trust and legitimacy in 2019. Other speakers included Commissioner William "Bill" Bratton (retired Police Commissioner of the New York PD and former Police Chief of the Los Angeles PD) on the principles of precision policing and how pattern identification and proper deployment can reduce crime and safeguard civil rights; BJA Deputy Director for Policy Kristen Mahoney on the national violent crime landscape and how to integrate the Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide into crime-fighting strategies; and New Orleans PD Deputy Superintendent Paul Noel on data-driven crime fighting in New Orleans, including the New Orleans PD's lessons learned from the PSP-sponsored 2017 Los Angeles PD Crime Fighters Conference and how the department implemented those strategies into its own processes, resulting in significant crime reductions.





PSP Guide to Strategic Assessments

PSP offers participating sites strategic assessments to assess various criminal justice processes.

Assessments provide agencies with a baseline understanding of areas for enhancement and improvement of current practices. PSP encourages sites to identify and complete assessments within the first year of engagement to set the stage for future TTA and implementation. PSP's TTA providers and BJA work with requesting sites to determine goals, objectives, and agency expectations for the assessment. Commitment and buy-in from PSP partners are critical to the successful implementation of recommendations.

The Process

Select Assessment

The PSP team—including BJA, TTA providers, and the site's Strategic Site Liaison (SSL), Analyst, and Champions—works with site leaders to identify potential assessments based on current capacities and priorities. Once an assessment has been determined, the SSL and the Analyst work with PSP's TTA providers to identify the subject expert(s) and dates for the on-site assessment.

Discuss Goals and Objectives

Prior to the on-site visit, the requesting agency reviews its goals and objectives with the PSP site team and subject experts. This process may include a pre-visit questionnaire for the agency and a review of department policies and procedures. The agency's goals and objectives are used to develop an agenda for the on-site visit.

Conduct On-Site Visit

During the visit, subject experts conduct interviews with key personnel, observe relevant processes, and gather data to develop an assessment report with findings and recommendations that inform the development of each site's PSP Violence Reduction Strategic Plan in Year Two. The deliverables include measurable goals, objectives, and desired outcomes; an implementation strategy; and a progress evaluation plan.

Report Development

Following the site visit, a report is provided to the site that identifies strengths and gaps in current processes and recommendations for enhancement.

Implement and Track

The PSP site team works with the agency to provide further TTA to implement recommendations as needed. The team tracks outcomes, process improvements, and strategies that have been implemented as a result of the assessment.

Strategic Assessments

At a minimum, PSP encourages all sites to engage in the technology, crime analysis, gun violence-related, and grant landscape review assessments. The PSP sites that have participated in these assessments have found them extremely valuable. Below are descriptions of the most frequently requested assessments offered to PSP sites.

Crime Analysis Capacity Assessment: Identify analytical gaps and TTA resources to address these gaps to enhance the requesting department's ability to analyze and use data to inform decisions, responses, and crime prevention.

- » BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center will conduct an assessment to determine analytical gaps and needs; develop and present recommendations to address the identified gaps and needs; document how the recommendations would promote organizational change and increased public safety; and outline technical solutions to enhance real-time information sharing, including crime data and analytical products, among local, state, and federal partners.

Grants Landscape Review: Assist in the development of a grant strategy plan that addresses identifying, applying for, and managing grants to enhance federal, state, and private funding.

- » Subject experts will gather information on the site's current grant processes, goals, and priorities; develop a list of desired grant opportunities to support these goals and priorities and a comprehensive grant strategy; and identify possible future funding opportunities from federal, state, local, and private resources.

Homicide Investigations and Prosecution Assessment: Assist in the identification of strengths and areas for growth in the requesting site's homicide investigation processes to support local efforts to reduce violent crime, conduct high-quality investigations, and produce successful prosecutions for homicide cases.

- » Subject experts will conduct a site visit to make observations about overall homicide investigative processes, collect relevant data, identify gaps in homicide investigation and prosecution processes, and develop recommendations and provide feedback related to improving homicide investigation processes.

Major Crimes Assessment: Review and assess major crime case investigative functions of local law enforcement.

- » Subject experts will conduct a site visit to meet with key personnel and review existing policies, procedures, and practices; make observations about the overall major crime function and processes, including its effectiveness; collect relevant data and information; identify gaps in the criminal case management process; and develop recommendations and feedback related to criminal case management and procedures.

Nonfatal Shooting and Gun Violence Reduction Assessment: Assist in the organization of an efficient and productive agency response to identifying and prosecuting active, at-large, and high-risk offenders to support local gun violence prevention and reduction efforts.

- » Subject experts will make observations about the site's current nonfatal shooting investigative processes; collect relevant data such as crime reports and analyses, calls for service, case management systems, and intelligence sharing; identify opportunities to enhance nonfatal shooting investigations and processes; and develop recommendations and provide feedback related to nonfatal shooting practices.

Prosecution Assessment: Assess the capacity of the requesting site to prosecute violent crime using federal and state law, and identify strengths, gaps, and enhancements needed in violent crime prosecutions.

- » Subject experts will gather data; communicate with prosecutors remotely; review policies, procedures, and past prosecutions; and conduct a site visit to complete a thorough review of the business processes to address violent crime and advanced prosecution strategies and practices.

Technology Assessment: Provide the requesting site with insight into planning and implementing future initiatives focused on enhancing its technical resources and abilities.

- » Subject experts will examine areas of technology such as dispatch software, records management software, case management, crime analysis, information technology support, and the mobile environment; identify gaps and needs; and provide recommendations to further the site's technology-driven public safety initiatives.

Victim Services Assessment: Determine critical needs related to victim services and assess the community-level capacity to effectively respond to victims.

- » OVC will determine the requesting site's current capacity for responding to crime victims, identify how victim services are connected to other criminal justice systems, identify opportunities to enhance response to victims, and provide recommendations to enhance multidisciplinary responses to crime victims.

Violence Analysis Assessment: Assist the requesting site in understanding the scope and nature of violence in its jurisdiction in order to develop a comprehensive violence reduction response including prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies.

- » Subject experts will conduct a site visit and gather data from department personnel, analyze calls for service and relevant crime statistics, conduct social network analyses to identify the most central individuals and groups, and map geographic locations related to the most violent networks and central individuals within those networks.

Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Birmingham, Alabama

Federal Partnerships

The U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO)—Northern District of Alabama (NDAL) assembled a top offender list for local and federal law enforcement to focus efforts on. In March, the USAO—NDAL reported that every individual on the list had been arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) with assistance from local and federal partners. The USAO—NDAL, USMS, the Birmingham PD, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office meet weekly to review cases. USMS also cleared 24 warrants in Birmingham in February 2019.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Following attendance at the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference, Birmingham PSP partners held a meeting with the Mayor's Office to discuss resource opportunities for the Birmingham PD's goals with technology. The Birmingham PD is exploring new community engagement ideas and the creation of a police foundation with PSP subject experts as a funding mechanism to achieve its technological goals. Based on lessons learned from both the Los Angeles and Chicago Crime Fighters Conferences, the Birmingham PD also modified its CompStat meeting in March 2019 using a 48-hour investigative process to increase real-time crime reporting and incorporate daily check-ins and is exploring the expansion of partner involvement in these meetings. Birmingham PSP partners continue to focus on addressing domestic and youth violence. PSP partners have held meetings on strategies to better identify suspects with a firearms nexus and domestic violence and on youth violence interventions, such as prevention programs, family justice centers, youth courts, and training youth on dealing with stressors.

Gun Violence

Birmingham is working to reduce shootings by reducing the number of weapons in cars. In February 2019, the Birmingham PD implemented a task force composed of teams of detectives and patrol officers working in overnight shifts to conduct checkpoints and traffic stops. The teams are encouraged to conduct two checkpoints per night in the three PSP focus areas. On the first night of implementation of these teams, a gunshot victim arrived at the hospital, where a detective took the victim's statement and determined the location of the shooting. The detective relayed the information to the patrol officers responding to an accident in that area, who were then able to collect shell casings from the location of the shooting. After a week of operation, the task force officers seized 18 guns and made 40 arrests. Each precinct now has at least one detective assigned per night.

Local Updates

The Birmingham PD restructured its detective bureau to provide more coverage and enhance its capacity to conduct investigations. The department partially attributes its increased homicide clearance rate of 61 percent, the highest in two years, to this redesign of its detective bureau and increase in manpower. The Birmingham PD also plans to purchase license plate readers, establish a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to help police monitor active crime scenes, and include a crime analyst in each of its four precincts as it moves toward real-time crime reporting techniques.¹ By the end of February, the Birmingham PD had seized 320 guns so far in 2019.² In February, the Birmingham PD took 35 firearms off the streets in the West District alone. Throughout this quarter, the Birmingham PD continued to put more officers on the streets during certain peak hours to deter crime.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana

Federal Partnerships

The USAO—Southern District of Indiana (SDIN) announced federal criminal charges against 24 individuals in Indianapolis in February. Local and federal law enforcement, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD; the Marion County Sheriff's Office; and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service executed a number of search and arrest warrants, resulting in 22 arrests; the seizure of methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and fentanyl; and the recovery of 40 firearms.³ The FBI short-term impact group executed a search warrant in February that resulted in three arrests and the seizure of four guns. USMS also arrested four offenders in February.

Gun Violence

The Indianapolis Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) became officially operational in January. CGICs are interagency collaborations focused on the immediate collection, management, and analysis of crime gun evidence, such as shell casings, to identify shooters, disrupt criminal activity, and prevent future violence.⁴ The CGIC has approximately 15 National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) investigators among ATF, the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD, and task force officers. The site established a new process for the evaluation of NIBIN leads to include follow-up on each lead. For example, officers linked an arrest of an armed individual in a car back to a homicide using CGIC data. The site also is developing a plan to focus on retaliatory shootings identified through NIBIN. As of February 26, the site had 76 NIBIN leads compared to 39 at the same time in 2018. PSP partners are prosecuting CGIC cases more strictly and imposing more severe sanctions for gun offenders. The USAO—SDIN and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office participate in CGIC investigative meetings, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney has been assigned specifically to CGIC cases, in addition to the Assistant U.S. Attorneys that are assigned to each of the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD's districts. ATF personnel also review firearm cases for federal adoption in each district. In March, Marion County Probation reported the removal of 72 firearms from 100 home visits in 2019.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Participants from the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in New Orleans on March 11–15, 2019, which addressed topics such as evidence preservation, interviews, and digital evidence. The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD's homicide clearance rate continues to improve. The site is working to finalize the PSP strategic plan that was developed during an on-site visit in December 2018. This plan will include strategies that address the major PSP focus areas, recommendations from completed PSP assessments, and the site's future public safety goals. In March, the USAO—SDIN, the Mayor's Office, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and the Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership held a call-in event to meet with 15 probationers involved in shootings, either as a shooter or victim, in a few of the city's high-crime neighborhoods. During the meeting, services were offered from the community and the Mayor's Office. The neighborhoods involved were selected based on nonfatal shooting data and analyses by Indiana State University. More than 50 community members also attended this meeting to offer support and encouragement to the individuals selected to attend.

Crime Analysis and Technology

The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD continues to increase its crime analysis capabilities. In 2019, Indianapolis established a new Incident Analysis Center, similar to an RTCC. The center receives calls about shots fired and retrieves contact information from callers for follow-up as witnesses and evidence from the locations where callers report shots fired. The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD collaborated with the Mayor's Office and the city to establish cameras in targeted areas to connect to its Incident Analysis Center to enhance the department's ability to monitor crime in real time and also received access to cameras from various city agencies to stream into the center. The Indianapolis Metropolitan PD also is exploring a body-worn camera (BWC) program. The department is conducting listening sessions with the community to help shape its BWC policy.

Community Engagement

The USAO—SDIN continued community engagement efforts this quarter with regularly scheduled meetings with community stakeholders to discuss prevention and enforcement efforts. A case in February resulted in the indictment of 26 individuals and the seizure of approximately 40 firearms, and the indicted individuals were offered services by the Mayor's Office and the community. Indianapolis hired a community liaison this quarter to serve as a connection between the neighborhood councils and the police department and to facilitate discussions with community members and service providers on strategic plans. Based on lessons learned from the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference, the site is considering community engagement strategies to implement with its new Peacemakers and how to measure outcomes from this effort. PSP subject expert Laura McElroy conducted a site visit in March as part of the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD's strategic messaging TTA to enhance its communication with the public regarding the department's numerous ongoing violence reduction efforts.

Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Jackson, Mississippi

Federal Partnerships

Project Empower Jackson Expel Crime Together (EJECT), established by the USAO—Southern District of Mississippi (SDMS) in 2017, targets carjackings, business robberies, and the illegal use and possession of firearms while also collaborating with community organizations and schools to address root causes of violent crime. This quarter, the task force and the USAO—SDMS met with the Hinds County District Attorney's Office to discuss cases for federal adoption to achieve stricter sanctions. The Jackson PD also has increased its coordination with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program; the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics; and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, which focuses on gang activity and drug trafficking, money laundering, and violent crime such as murder and aggravated assault.⁵ Working with these partners enables the Jackson PD to more efficiently determine whether homicides have a drug or gang nexus and provides access to investigative tools such as financial analysis.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

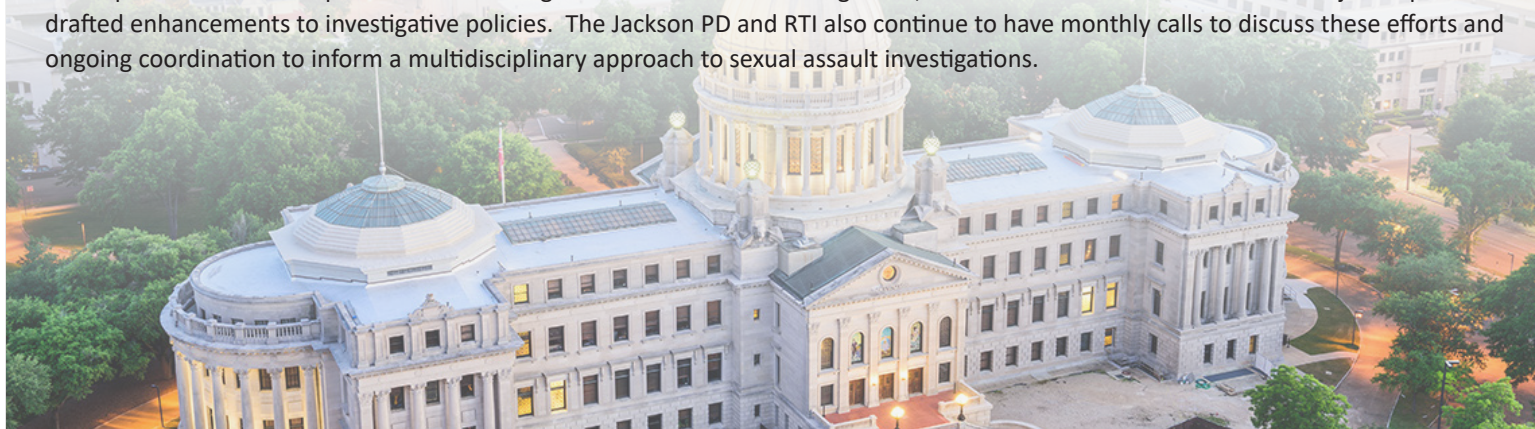
PSP subject experts began working with the Jackson PD to develop a technology road map to align with the department's public safety priorities. Subject expert Joan Brody and the PSP site team also worked with the Jackson PD and the Jackson Police Foundation to identify grant-writing support for the Jackson PD to maintain and expand its violence reduction efforts. Through an enhanced relationship with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, the department awarded the city of Jackson a grant to support the identification of hot spots, to begin in 2019. Representatives from the Jackson PD and the Hinds County District Attorney's Office attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in New Orleans on March 11–15, 2019, which covered topics such as crime scene analysis, evidence recovery procedures, DNA sequencing, and cell phone data case presentation. Representatives from the Jackson PD also attended the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference. The site was especially interested in the Chicago PD's strategy to observe social media for convicted felons or those with illegally purchased firearms and develop proactive responses.

Crime Analysis

Throughout its PSP engagement, the Jackson PD and Jackson State University have collaborated to establish an embedded analyst program to enhance the Jackson PD's crime analysis capacity and provide student interns to serve as support analysts for the police department. Throughout this quarter, interns with the embedded analyst program attended orientations, toured the police department, met with department staff, received an introduction to major investigations, and participated in interviews. These interns will assist with reviewing cases and reports, cleaning data, and analyzing data to provide daily reports. In March, PSP subject experts Rick Rosenfeld and Emily Blackburn of the St. Louis, Missouri, Metropolitan Police Department conducted an on-site visit to the Jackson PD to assist with its crime analysis and reporting capacities. PSP will work with the Jackson PD to provide training for analysts in areas such as crime mapping.

Investigations

RTI International, a nonprofit research organization that supports the BJA Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI), and the Jackson PD continue to discuss sexual assault investigative assistance. RTI and the Jackson PD meet monthly via telephone conference to review the department's current processes for dealing with sexual assault investigations, and RTI has shared feedback from subject experts on drafted enhancements to investigative policies. The Jackson PD and RTI also continue to have monthly calls to discuss these efforts and ongoing coordination to inform a multidisciplinary approach to sexual assault investigations.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Kansas City, Missouri

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Kansas City participated in a peer exchange to the Tampa, Florida, PD in March to learn more about identifying high-level offenders and deterring gun violence, particularly how Tampa developed its scoring metric used to identify individuals as part of the Violent Impact Player list. Participants from the Kansas City PD, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, the Missouri Office of Probation and Parole, and the USAO—Western District of Missouri (WDMO) attended this peer exchange to support focused deterrence program efforts. Kansas City PSP partners are pursuing an “umbrella” approach to violent crime reduction that includes prevention, intervention, and enforcement strategies to support public safety. The Missouri Office of Probation and Parole meets with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office and the USAO—WDMO weekly to review case information.

PSP subject expert Joan Brody conducted a grants landscape review in February, during which she met with the Kansas City PD, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, and the Police Foundation of Kansas City. The grants landscape report will provide recommendations on developing a grant strategy to support Kansas City's violent crime reduction goals. Kansas City PSP partners also conducted planning efforts for three other assessments this quarter: a PSP homicide investigations and prosecution assessment, a focused deterrence assessment, and a victim/witness protection assessment. The homicide investigations and prosecution assessment will help identify gaps and best practices to enhance investigations and prosecution practices. The focused deterrence assessment will examine the site's existing No Violence Alliance program, provide recommendations on maintaining a prolific offender list, and address any gaps in policies. The victim/witness protection assessment will be conducted by OVC and will examine procedures and policies related to victim/witness intimidation, cooperation, and protection. Lessons learned and progress made on these assessment efforts will be shared next quarter.

Investigations

In efforts to improve investigative processes, representatives from the Kansas City PD attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in New Orleans on March 11–15, 2019, to train on crime scene analysis, evidence recovery procedures, and encryption procedures and digital evidence preservation.

The Kansas City PD restructured its Investigations Division to facilitate information sharing and integrate analysis and intelligence resources to focus more intently on high-rate offenders. Also, USMS continued pursuing federal warrants generated by gun crimes. As follow-up to the peer exchange to the Tampa PD this quarter, the Kansas City PD plans to develop a violent offender squad to target prolific offenders once these individuals are identified. The Kansas City PD also is working with HIDTA to access its deconfliction system to determine whether targets are already the subject of an investigation or leads in other areas.

Community Engagement

This quarter, the USAO—WDMO continued to host community meetings in Kansas City to discuss public safety goals and to establish communication channels and relationships with residents. Since these meetings began in late 2018, attendance has been strong from criminal justice partners and community organizations.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Memphis, Tennessee

Gun Violence

ATF, the Memphis PD, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and Memphis's Multi-Agency Gang Unit (MGU) continue to collaborate to identify violent criminal gang members that commit shootings in Memphis area communities. As part of this effort, Memphis's newly established NIBIN investigative team reviews all NIBIN-generated leads to increase accountability and ensure that all leads are thoroughly pursued. In January, 153 NIBIN-generated leads resulted in nine arrests and three recovered handguns. In March, more than 900 guns had been processed in 2019 so far. To enhance gun violence reduction efforts and improve agency collaboration and investigation, Memphis is establishing a regional CGIC, which will include PSP alumni site West Memphis, Arkansas. An ATF strike force also will be established in Memphis that will include eight agents on a semipermanent basis to work with NIBIN investigators.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

In February, the National Gang Center conducted training on the Comprehensive Gang Model in Memphis. Approximately 50 representatives attended from law enforcement and community organizations, including ATF, the Memphis PD, the Shelby County District Attorney's Office, nonprofit and neighborhood watch groups, the USAO—Western District of Tennessee (WDTN), local faith organizations, community service and re-entry organizations, U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services, the Shelby County School District, and the West Memphis PD. This training was conducted as follow-up to a gang assessment conducted for Memphis and helped identify relevant community assets, such as organizations, agencies, and networks, for serving at-risk and gang-involved youth.

Upon returning from the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference, the Memphis PD met with the USAO—WDTN to discuss takeaways from the conference. The USAO—WDTN assigned Assistant U.S. Attorneys to the Memphis PD's districts to collaborate and enhance investigations and prosecutions. The USAO—WDTN and the Memphis PD leverage their close partnerships to review potential cases for federal prosecution to achieve the highest sanctions.

The Shelby County District Attorney's Office expanded its focused deterrence call-in efforts this quarter to include a third group focused on domestic violence. The individuals from the first and second cohorts continue to participate in call-ins and make substantial progress. The Shelby County District Attorney's Office recently established a new crime strategies prosecution unit and visited the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, District Attorney's Office in March to observe its crime strategies prosecution unit and promising practices.

Subject experts involved in the comprehensive prosecution assessment of the Shelby County District Attorney's Office conducted a final site visit in March to deliver the assessment report findings and recommendations. This assessment examined processes, procedures, and practices currently in place targeting homicide and other violent crimes and provided recommendations related to training, best practices, and enhancements to processes to improve law enforcement's capacity to hold offenders accountable.

The final report for OVC's victim services assessment was delivered to the site in January. This assessment examined strengths and gaps in Memphis's victim support services and provided recommendations for victim assistance, particularly for domestic violence, and building collaboration among site partners.

Investigations

Memphis continued to improve collaboration and investigative efforts to target violent criminals, especially related to robberies, carjackings, and commercial burglaries. The MGU enhanced patrol operations and arrested 77 wanted individuals in January, 30 of whom were gang members. The Memphis PD's violent crime unit also arrested a group responsible for committing numerous robberies and charged two gang members with multiple carjackings and robberies in January, solving four carjackings and two business robberies. In Raines Station, one of the Memphis PD's PSP geographic focus areas, three individuals responsible for multiple burglaries across Tennessee, including Memphis and Shelby County, and Arkansas were arrested in January. The Memphis PD linked these individuals to more than 30 commercial burglaries. Approximately five to six suspects were taken into custody in March in Raines Station for stealing cars to commit robberies. Raines Station continues to place officers in incident hot spots to deter crime. The Memphis PD expanded its PSP-driven focused approach in Raines Station to two additional precincts to focus specifically on aggravated assaults. In February, the Memphis PD arrested a high-ranking violent criminal gang member on felony drug and firearm violations. The U.S. Secret Service conducted a joint operation with local law enforcement that identified four individuals involved in 20 fraudulent rental car purchases, in which several weapons were recovered. A U.S. Postal Service postal inspector was assigned to the DEA task force to enhance investigations of drug trafficking in and out of Memphis. The USAO—WDTN continued to aggressively prosecute carjackings to reduce violent crime, indicting six individuals in March responsible for multiple carjackings involving a firearm. ATF and the Memphis PD investigated these cases.⁶ Partners hold regular meetings with the USAO—WDTN to determine the best prosecutorial venue for carjacking cases. As a result of enhanced investigations and collaboration, carjackings declined 43 percent year to date in March 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 and business robberies declined 21 percent.

Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Miami, Florida

Criminal Justice Collaboration

The PSP site team and PSP subject experts conducted a site visit to Miami on February 28 – March 1. During this visit, partners discussed the development of a targeted offender list and met with the crime analysis unit to understand its challenges and needs for future TTA. The Miami PD and other local and federal partners have been focusing on aggravated robberies, assaults, homicides, and the sale and distribution of narcotics in an area of the region that is experiencing an influx of these crimes. USMS also has been assisting the Miami PD with the apprehension of suspects related to homicides, weapons charges, sexual assaults, and carjackings. The Miami PD will receive a PSP crime analysis capacity assessment as part of its PSP engagement to enhance the department's capacity to produce and consume contemporary analysis techniques. As follow-up to the grants landscape review conducted last quarter, PSP subject expert Joan Brody met with representatives from the Miami PD during this visit to discuss grants, exploring the establishment of a police foundation and building out an RTCC and a CGIC for the site. In the coming months, Miami plans to participate in peer exchanges to observe model RTCC and CGIC sites and discuss lessons learned.

Investigations

As of March, homicides were down 46 percent year to date compared to the same time last year. Miami partially attributes this decline to an improvement in clearance rates, consistent training, a fully staffed cold-case unit, enlarged size of the gang unit, and an increase in the number of problem-solving teams available in high crime areas.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Federal Partnerships

In efforts to improve cross-agency collaboration on violent crime investigations, several members of the Milwaukee PD's fugitive apprehension unit were deputized for the FBI Save Our Streets Task Force in January. Task forces provide local law enforcement increased access to federal resources and expanded investigative capabilities and provide federal law enforcement access to local expertise and knowledge of community issues and players. These additional personnel have already made multiple arrests for armed robberies. In March, the FBI's District 3 Task Force and the Milwaukee PD's Special Investigations Division conducted a large-scale arrest operation targeting a violent gang subset responsible for numerous acts of violence and large quantities of drug trafficking. During this operation, law enforcement recovered eight weapons and made six arrests. The weapons recovered from this operation were processed through NIBIN. The FBI also continues to focus on gang enforcement efforts in the city and in known hot spots. USMS made 12 arrests in Milwaukee in January, 2 of which were high-value targets, and seized five guns. USMS also made ten arrests in Milwaukee in February. DEA, HIDTA, and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force continued to work with local and federal partners on homicide and shooting investigations, targeting illegal gun purchases, and long-term drug investigations.

Gun Violence

The Milwaukee PD's fusion center performed a problem analysis on shootings in the last few years to identify patterns and consistent drivers in order to provide the Milwaukee PD with strategic intelligence on how to best allocate resources. Partners in Milwaukee are focusing on building community coalitions in areas of the city that drive homicides. In March, nonfatal shootings were down 28 percent citywide year to date compared to 2018 and down 31 percent since 2017, with a reduction in the number of nonfatal shooting victims and an increase in the Milwaukee PD's homicide clearance rate. The Milwaukee PD credits some of these reductions to its enhanced weekly shooting review model, during which local and federal partners review all shootings from the previous week.⁷ The Milwaukee PD made adjustments to its shooting review model based on lessons learned from participation in multiple peer exchanges to Oakland, California, to observe its shooting review model. Carjackings citywide also were down 23 percent in March compared to the same time in 2018. One of the contributing factors to the continued decrease in carjackings in the site is the use of targeted enforcement on known problem offenders, through the Milwaukee PD's Network of Criminals (NOC) program and other internal and external collaborations. A NOC sweep in January resulted in the arrest of several wanted offenders and narrowed the list of known wanted offenders from 20 to 30 individuals to approximately 15. From January 1 – March 7, the Milwaukee PD's Robbery Division also recovered 42 firearms and served more than 20 search warrants.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Representatives from the Milwaukee PD attended the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference and brought back ideas related to community engagement, homicide investigations, strategic planning, and SDSCs, especially in the Center Street Corridor, one of Milwaukee's PSP geographic focus areas, where three districts overlap. Representatives from the Milwaukee PD also attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in New Orleans in March. This course covered topics such as evidence recovery procedures and crime scene analysis. PSP subject experts and Milwaukee's PSP site team also are working with the Milwaukee PD on establishing a police foundation to support the site's future public safety goals.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Nashville, Tennessee

Federal Partnerships

The USAO—Middle District of Tennessee (MDTN) and Mayor David Briley announced a new specialized unit within the Metropolitan Nashville PD, the crime gun unit, to focus extensively on tracking illegal guns as part of “Project Safe Nashville.” Project Safe Nashville is the city’s largest-ever interagency effort to fight gun crime and includes the USAO—MDTN, the Mayor’s Office, the Metropolitan Nashville PD, the Nashville-Davidson County District Attorney’s Office, ATF, the FBI, and other partners to provide a more seamless and aggressive approach to investigating and prosecuting gun-related crime.⁸ Seven individuals from the Metropolitan Nashville PD and two ATF agents are assigned to the crime gun unit. As part of Project Safe Nashville, eight additional ATF agents will be detailed to police precincts to enhance collaboration and better track illegally trafficked firearms in the Nashville area. The FBI, including deputized members from the Metropolitan Nashville PD on the FBI’s Violent Crimes Task Force, will support the new unit by focusing on commercial robberies and cases involving firearms that impact interstate commerce.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

The USAO—MDTN indicted 13 members of a drug trafficking organization in March for federal drug and firearm charges. ATF, the Metropolitan Nashville PD, and other local and federal partners assisted in these investigations.⁹ In February, the Metropolitan Nashville PD’s Juvenile Crime Task Force, established in February 2018, reported the seizure of 224 guns and 199 recovered stolen or carjacked vehicles in its one year of operation.¹⁰ In March, the task force reported the recovery of 46 stolen or carjacked vehicles and 39 guns since January 1, 2019.¹¹ Local law enforcement partners around Nashville, including the Metropolitan Nashville PD, met in February to discuss the increase in violent crimes committed by youth.¹² The homicide hybrid team, established based on recommendations from a PSP homicide investigations assessment, continues to flourish and aggressively pursue homicide investigations. In March, homicides declined 42 percent year to date compared to 2018. Representatives from the Metropolitan Nashville PD attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in New Orleans in March, which covered topics such as social media engineering and interview techniques. Nashville also identified three additional areas of the city this quarter in which to focus PSP efforts for the remainder of its PSP engagement.

Community Engagement

The collective efficacy initiative in the Metropolitan Nashville PD’s North and West Precincts blossomed this quarter. The collective efficacy initiative aims to identify systemic issues in neighborhoods with historically high violent crime, build social cohesion, and increase the community’s capacity to fight violent crime. The West Precinct expanded its efforts from the test pilot neighborhood into two additional neighborhoods within the West Precinct. Enforcement teams in the areas were reengineered into community engagement teams. This initiative also is expanding into two additional precincts. Nashville also opened a new family safety center to service victims of domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, and trafficking.¹³ Mayor Briley, victim service providers, community partners, Chief Steve Anderson, and District Attorney General Glenn Funk spoke at the dedication of the center.¹⁴ At the time of its opening, Nashville’s family justice center was the largest in the country. Nashville has hosted other PSP sites for peer exchanges related to its domestic violence processes.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

New Orleans, Louisiana

Gun Violence

During the two-week annual Mardi Gras season in March, the New Orleans PD seized 84 guns and made more than 300 arrests, 81 of which were for illegal possession of firearms.¹⁵ As of March 2019, homicides by shootings were down 50 percent year to date compared to March 2018 year to date. In the PSP target area, homicides by shootings were down 75 percent over the same period. The New Orleans PD and law enforcement partners continue to conduct walking beats, bike patrols, and proactive work in this area to reduce violent crime. The New Orleans PD and law enforcement partners also continue to focus on problem offenders in the Sixth District, another PSP geographic focus area. Based on lessons learned from Crime Fighters Conferences, law enforcement in New Orleans now uses data to identify suspects involved in the most violent crimes and develops proactive and reactive responses while balancing these actions with increased community interactions and trust-building efforts.¹⁶ New Orleans PD Deputy Superintendent Paul Noel presented these efforts at the 2019 Los Angeles Crime Fighters Conference to share the department's strategies and lessons learned with the PSP community and beyond. The site also continues to focus on enhancing its NIBIN processing and intelligence utilization to further reduce gun violence in the city.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

OVC continues to work with New Orleans on domestic violence prevention and intervention efforts. The site plans to participate in a peer exchange next quarter to support new social workers recently hired at the police department and to determine how to effectively deploy social workers as part of its problem-oriented policing response to domestic violence. Representatives from the New Orleans PD hosted and attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in March. This course reviewed topics such as encryption procedures and digital evidence preservation, evidence recovery procedures, crime scene analysis, interviews, and prosecutions.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

St. Louis, Missouri

Criminal Justice Collaboration

PSP subject expert Laura McElroy conducted a site visit in January to provide TTA on strategic messaging to enhance internal and external communications. As part of this visit, Ms. McElroy attended a CompStat meeting, held discussions with St. Louis Metropolitan PD communications personnel, and met with the city's public safety director.

This quarter, St. Louis conducted planning efforts for its trauma-informed policing initiative that will identify community issues in the St. Louis Metropolitan PD's districts to address in a trauma-informed manner. Yale University and the New Haven, Connecticut, PD are part of this TTA effort. Two districts were identified to work with local clinicians and offer victim services.

St. Louis participated in a site visit in February with representatives from the PSP, Strategies for Policing Innovation, and CGIC initiatives working in the city to discuss overlapping areas of work and coordinated efforts. During this site visit, the St. Louis Metropolitan PD also engaged in PSP sustainability planning efforts as the site enters its third year of PSP engagement and met with a PSP subject expert to explore possibilities for acquiring additional funding to support its public safety goals. Representatives from the St. Louis Metropolitan PD also attended the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference and took away ideas for drug intervention strategies and community engagement.

Violence Reduction Successes

In 2018, the USAO—Eastern District of Missouri (EDMO) prosecuted 508 felony possession cases involving 512 defendants; 16 carjacking cases involving 24 defendants; and 16 Hobbes Act robbery cases with 17 defendants. In 2019, the USAO—EDMO continues to aggressively prosecute carjackings and federal firearm cases to combat violence in St. Louis. Local and federal law enforcement partners, such as the St. Louis Metropolitan PD and the FBI, often collaborate on these cases. In January, the Missouri Attorney General's Office and the USAO—EDMO announced a cooperative effort, the Safer Streets Initiative, to more fully prosecute violent crimes in high-crime areas in St. Louis.¹⁷ As part of this effort, more prosecutors will be designated as Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys to increase the USAO—EDMO's capacity to prosecute these crimes. Community outreach will be another component of this initiative to gain insight from residents and provide details of law enforcement's efforts to increase public safety. The St. Louis Metropolitan PD also has been engaged as part of this effort to share its work in Commissioner John Hayden's Rectangle, an area of the city with historically high violent crime, and combating violent crime in other areas of St. Louis.¹⁸

Violence reduction efforts have been so productive in Commissioner Hayden's Rectangle that the St. Louis Metropolitan PD and its law enforcement and community partners are exploring how to expand the approach to other high-crime areas for the city based on analyses from the crime analysis unit. To achieve these violence reduction improvements, the St. Louis Metropolitan PD has been expanding and maximizing the use of its gun crime intelligence center, NIBIN processing, and technology such as closed-circuit television and gunshot recognition systems.



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Toledo, Ohio

Gun Violence

This quarter, Toledo PSP partners worked to improve gun violence cases and prosecutorial outcomes. In January, the Toledo PD began working with a student intern from the University of Toledo to examine and analyze data to enhance prosecution outcomes for felony weapons possession. In March, Toledo PSP partners participated in TTA on strategies to improve firearm case investigations to achieve more successful prosecution outcomes. This TTA supports the Toledo PD's strategic goals to improve firearm investigations, prosecutions, and interagency partnerships and was requested in response to an uptick in gang-related firearm violence portrayed through social media resulting in retaliatory violence. This TTA covered topics such as available investigative tools, proper case documentation, conducting taped interviews, handling recovered firearm-related evidence, state and federal firearm laws, reviewing jail calls, working with prosecutors, how to use social media proactively and reactively, and more. The USAO—Northern District of Ohio charged two individuals in February for firearm-related crimes connected to a burglary of a federal firearms licensee during which 46 firearms were stolen.¹⁹ The Toledo PD, ATF, and the FBI participated in this investigation.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

PSP subject experts conducted a site visit in March to facilitate the development of a strategic plan with Toledo PSP partners. This strategic plan will address PSP focus areas, recommendations from completed PSP assessments, and local priority initiatives. As a result of participation in the 2019 Chicago Crime Fighters Conference, the Toledo PD is considering how to make internal information sharing processes more efficient and how to integrate technology into these communications. Representatives from the Toledo PD also attended the IHIA Advanced Homicide/Violent Crimes Investigations Course in March in New Orleans along with a number of other PSP sites. This course covered topics such as digital criminalistics and next-generation DNA sequencing and evidence recovery procedures.

Community Engagement

Toledo PSP partners established a pilot project in the Junction Neighborhood as part of its PSP engagement. This area was selected in part because it had a disproportionately high volume of nonfatal shootings. The Toledo PD and community organizations conducted engagement activities in the neighborhood this quarter and are working to develop a violent crime response, reduction, and prevention strategy that integrates criminal case management, community-based crime reduction principles, and problem solving in the area. The Toledo PD's Chief George Kral participated in a virtual patrol ride-along on social media this quarter. These virtual ride-alongs allow the community to understand a day in the life of an officer. Several units, such as the gang unit and the K-9 unit, have participated. Toledo also was the recipient of a BJA Fiscal Year 2018 Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) grant, and Chief Kral uses these ride-alongs to evaluate what technology could better assist officers.²⁰



Site Highlights: January–March 2019

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Federal Partnerships

The USAO—Northern District of Oklahoma (NDOK) indicted 18 members of the Universal Aryan Brotherhood prison-based gang this quarter for allegedly committing and orchestrating acts of murder, kidnapping, trafficking of methamphetamine and firearms, money laundering, assault, robbery, and other violent acts from prison.²¹ The USAO—NDOK worked with the Tulsa PD, the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, USMS, ATF, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security—Homeland Security Investigations, the Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigation Division, and other local and federal partners on this Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) investigation. The USAO—NDOK, ATF, and the Tulsa PD also have been working to address illegal gun buys and failed background checks to reduce gun crime. These partners worked on a targeted series of illegal gun purchases known as “lie and try” cases, in which individuals provide intentionally false information at the time of gun purchase and later fail background checks. The USAO—NDOK adopted six of these cases to prosecute as a deterrent. Most of the adopted cases involved purchases by individuals with prior felonies.



*U.S. Attorney Trent Shores holding a press conference in Tulsa announcing the RICO indictment of 18 Universal Aryan Brotherhood members and associates
Source: @USAO_NDOK*

Criminal Justice Collaboration

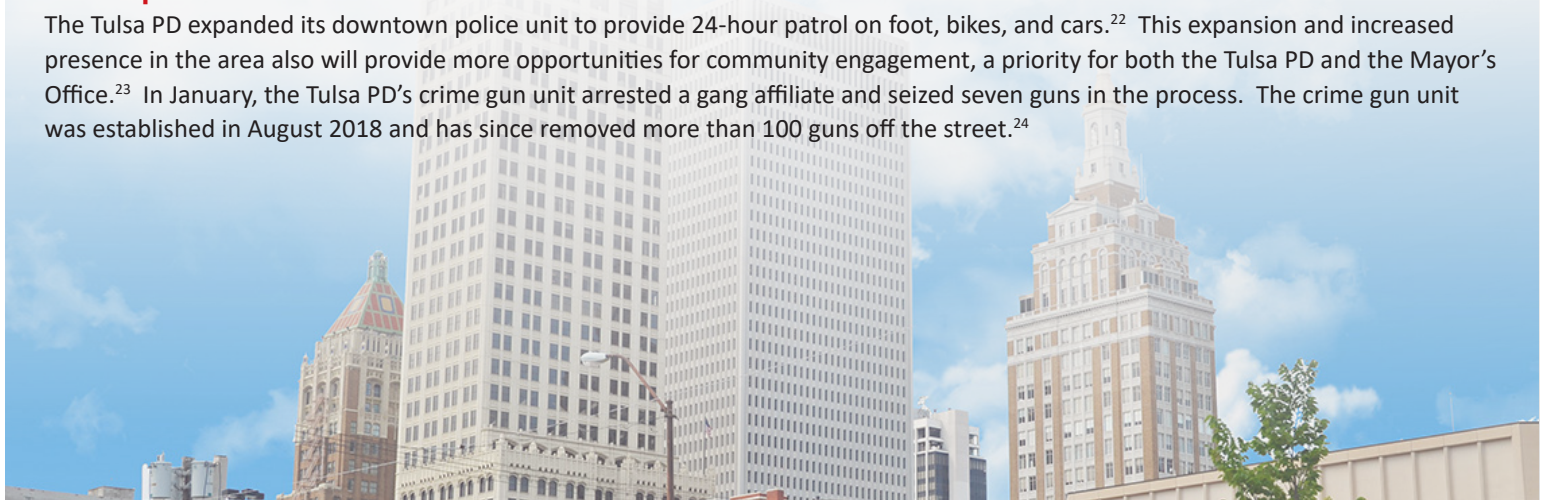
Representatives from the Tulsa PD attended the 2019 Los Angeles Crime Fighters Conference in February. Following the conference, the Tulsa PD is exploring adjustments to its CompStat process and data-driven approach to reducing violence. Participants also learned new strategies for community engagement and improving research partnerships. The Tulsa PD and PSP partners continue to consider ways to engage tribal partners as part of the site's local violence reduction efforts, such as integrating tribal partners into the site's NIBIN processes.

Assessments

PSP subject experts conducted three on-site visits this quarter to support various PSP assessments. In February, PSP subject experts conducted a joint on-site visit to support Tulsa's PSP technology assessment and grants landscape review. During this site visit, subject experts met with a variety of departments within the Tulsa PD and provided an overview of available technology to consider (e.g., license plate readers) and grant strategies to support the Tulsa PD's public safety goals. The Tulsa PD plans to migrate to a new Records Management System as part of its plans to improve its technological capacity. In March, a crime analysis capacity assessment was conducted, in efforts to enhance the Tulsa PD's ability to conduct crime analyses such as pattern and hot-spot analysis, support effective information sharing, and reduce crime through the utilization of intelligence-based policing and data-directed targeted enforcement.

Local Updates

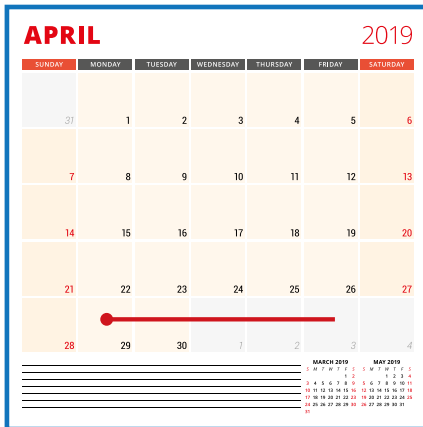
The Tulsa PD expanded its downtown police unit to provide 24-hour patrol on foot, bikes, and cars.²² This expansion and increased presence in the area also will provide more opportunities for community engagement, a priority for both the Tulsa PD and the Mayor's Office.²³ In January, the Tulsa PD's crime gun unit arrested a gang affiliate and seized seven guns in the process. The crime gun unit was established in August 2018 and has since removed more than 100 guns off the street.²⁴



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Upcoming 2019 Network-Wide Events




29 – May 3: Intelligence-Driven Prosecution Symposium



6–10: Naval Postgraduate School Social Network Analysis Symposium
20–22: PSP Technology Community of Practice (TCoP) International Association of Chiefs of Police Technology Conference





5–6: PSP TCoP Inaugural Meeting
20: PSP Webinar: Digital Trust



September
9–11, 2019

Memphis, Tennessee

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.

Community Corner



The Miami PD play a game of kickball against teachers and staff from a local middle school with students in attendance. Source: @MiamiPD



Deputy Chiefs from the Indianapolis Metropolitan PD participate in a local fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Source: @IMPNews



U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst (USAO—SDMS) celebrates Read Across America Day at a local elementary school in Jackson. Source: @SDMSNews

Highlighting the Impact of Law Enforcement in the Community



Kansas City PD Chief Richard Smith with middle school students. Source: @kcpolice



Tulsa PD officers and a K-9 visit an elementary school. Source: @TulsaPolice

Community Corner



Toledo PD officers eat lunch with students at an elementary school. Source: @ToledoPolice



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Members of the St. Louis Metropolitan PD's warrant and fugitive unit served dinner at a local church. Source: @SLMPD

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New Orleans PD Superintendent Shaun Ferguson and Deputy Superintendent Paul Noel at Mardi Gras. Source: @NOPDNews



The Metropolitan Nashville PD transports homeless persons to warm shelters during extreme cold weather. Source: @MNPDNashville

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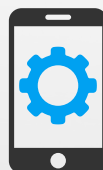
Strategic Solutions to Increase Public Safety

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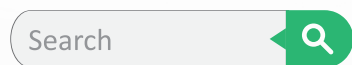


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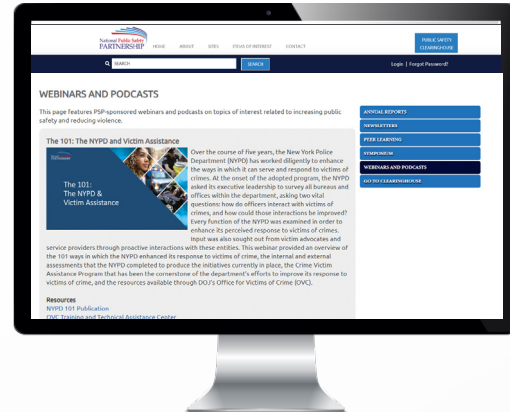
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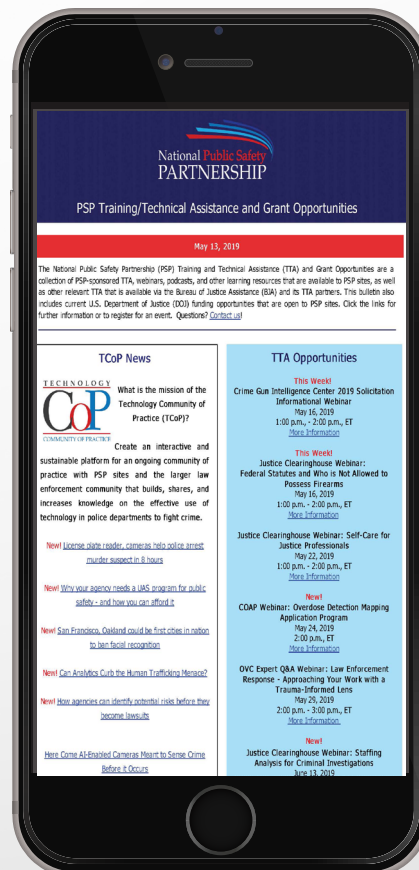
Webinars and Podcasts



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