

PROGRAM UPDATE

COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSION



Framework to Address Violence

Purpose: City, County, Partners, and Community work together to reduce violence, increase economic opportunity, and build healthier, more resilient communities.

Intergovernmental Collaboration	Invest in Community-Led Efforts	Interrupt Violence	Community Collaboration in Priority Areas	Use Data and Evidence
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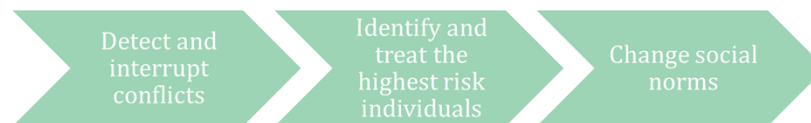
Violence Interruption Methodology



The City and County's Alternatives to Violence program utilizes the Cure Violence Global model for violence interruption

The model stops the spread of violence by using the methods and strategies associated with disease control

It is a data-driven, neighborhood focused and evidence-based approach to violence mitigation



Progress to Date



April/May 2021

- City partners with Cure Violence Global for technical assistance and Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) as the local implementor for ATV

February 2022

- Full team is hired after initial team transitioned out of the program in November 2022
- New starting point for data collection

April 2022

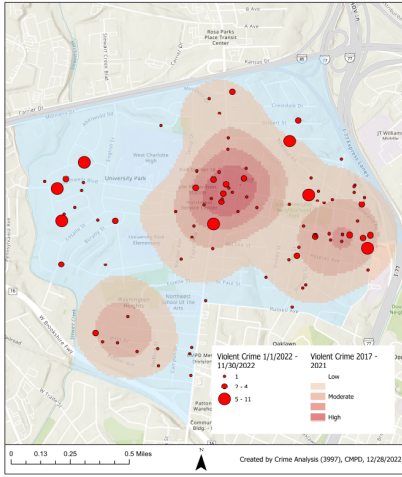
- City extends contract with YAP for an additional year

November 2022

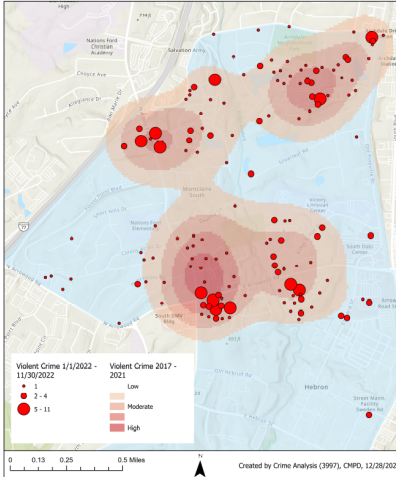
- City received \$2m from Congresswoman Adams office to implement two new sites at West Boulevard/Remount Road and Nations Ford/E. Arrowood Road

Focus Areas

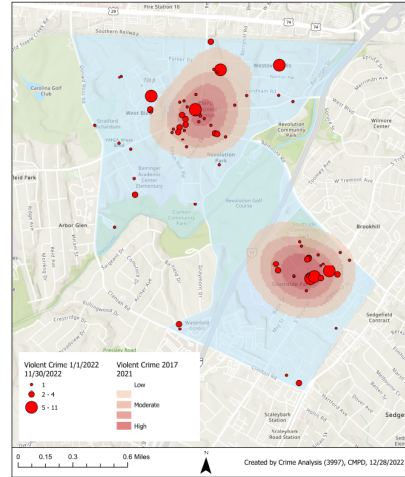
Violent Crime Victimization Reported to CMPD in Beatties Ford Rd Area 2017 - 2021 vs 1/1/2022 - 11/30/2022



Violent Crime Victimization Reported to CMPD in Arrowood/Nations Ford Rd Area 2017 - 2021 vs 1/1/2022 - 11/30/2022



Violent Crime Victimization Reported to CMPD in West Bv/Remount/Southside Homes Area 2017 - 2021 vs 1/1/2022 - 11/30/2022



Beatties Ford Road Year One

Total Staff Hours applying the Cure Violence approach: **4,629**

Total Supervisory Hours logged: **1,797**

Total number of key individuals engaged: **883**

Total referrals to Behavior Change Services: **180**

Participant goals successfully achieved: **65**

- More than half participant goals were around gaining education

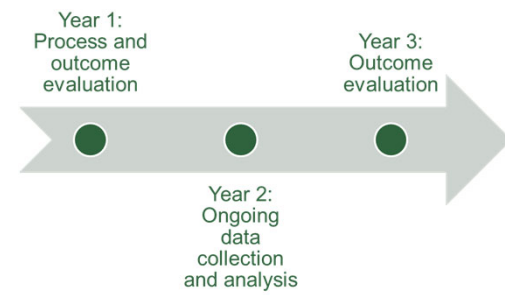
Total number of mediations completed: **26**

Three-Year Evaluation



Conducted by UNCC's urbanCORE the evaluation will:

- Assess value or impact of program
- Learn how to improve the program
- Remain accountable to funders and stakeholders
- Monitor through routine reporting and early identification of problems
- Further develop the program in a new setting or with new population
- Generate knowledge that can be applied to similar programs in other communities



Year One Review, Beatties Ford Road: Process and Outcome Evaluation



The first year of the three-year evaluation project focused on:

- Process:
 - *Is the program implemented as intended?*
 - *Are there barriers to implementation?*
- Outcomes:
 - *Was ATV effective at preventing violence at a community level?*
 - *Was ATV effective at changing knowledge, skills, and behaviors among individual participants?*
- Methods used:
 - *Qualitative (interviews)*
 - *Quantitative (CMPD data)*

Year One Initial Findings: Process

Strengths:

- community partnerships and events
- staff credibility and resourcefulness

Areas for Improvement:

- quality data entry
- continuation of community trust-building
- identifying those at highest risk of violence

While each of the components required of the program were completed, work is still being done to figure out how to continually improve the program on Beatties Ford Road

Year One Initial Findings: Outcomes

Evaluation Process:

- Identified neighborhoods similar to Beatties Ford's demographics
- Compared Beatties Ford crime data to crime data in similar neighborhoods before and after ATV implementation

Variables evaluated:

- Aggravated assault with, and without a gun
- Non-fatal gunshot injuries
- Homicides with a firearm
- Violent crimes

Results:

- Beatties Ford had a statistically significant lower rate of homicides committed with a firearm compared to similar neighborhoods
- Not statistical significance for other types of crime
- Qualitative results demonstrated that individuals that interacted with ATV program acquired knowledge and skills that protect them from violence

Next Steps

Detailed report of evaluation findings and recommendations for year one for Beatties Ford Road is forthcoming

Continue work in Beatties Ford and add two new sites (West/Remount, Nations Ford/Arrowwood)

- RFP opened on February 8, 2023, and will close on March 17th
- Evaluation and site selection by March 30th using a panel of stakeholders that includes community association members and partner organizations
- Selected organization(s) will start work in August 2023
- There will be continuity of work in Beatties Ford should new implementing organization be chosen