

Metro Police Department

Nashville and Davidson County



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2007 Calender Year End Highlights - Effectiveness

- Our tripartite strategy of Crime Fighting, Quality of Life enforcement, and Community Policing is embedded in the MNPD culture.
- In 2004 there were about 250 active Neighborhood Watch Groups, today there are 363 active Groups, a 45% increase
- Weekly Accountability meetings, beginning in March 2004, continue to focus the entire MNPD on crime, hot spots, service delivery, accountability, as well as a weekly focus on strategies and techniques to lower crime



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights - Effectiveness

- Major Crime Rate in Nashville was down for the fourth consecutive year to rates and incidents not seen since 1989 and 1990
 - ***The population of Davidson County has increased 20% since 1989 (+98,485)***
 - There has been no major swing in soci - economic crime predictors in the last four years
- Violent Crime rate lowest since 1990
- Murder down 10% 2007 vs. 2006
 - Murder down 3 of the last 4 years
- Aggravated Assault rate lowest since 1991



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights - Effectiveness

- Property Crime rate lowest since 1979
- Burglary Crime rate lowest since 1965 – incidents lowest since 1968
- Auto Theft rate has NEVER been as low as 2007



2008 YTD Crime Reports April 12, 2008

- Homicide
 - *Up 27% (23 vs. 18)*
- Rape
 - *Down 8.4%*
- Robbery
 - *Down 17.7%*
- Aggravated Assault
 - *Down 10.8%*
- Burglary
 - *Down 10.5%*
- Larceny
 - *Down 4.1%*
- Auto Theft
 - *Down 32.1%*
- Violent Offenses
 - *Down 12.1%*
- Property Offenses
 - *Down 8%*
- **TOTAL OFFENSES**
 - *Down 8.9%*



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights - Effectiveness

- Wilson Research Strategies' Citizen Satisfaction Survey in December 2007 shows consistency since bi-annual surveys began in June 2005:
- 80% of adults and 81% of businesses are satisfied or very satisfied with the overall competence of the MNPd
- 71% of adults and 74% of businesses are satisfied or very satisfied with the MNPd's ability to fight crime
- 82% of adults and 81% of businesses feel safe in their neighborhood or business
- 80% of adults and businesses are satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of service delivered by the MNPd



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights - Effectiveness

- Fourth year in a row of declining rates of injury accidents across the county
 - DOWN 3% 2008 YTD
- Total motor vehicle accidents down by 6.5% 2008 YTD
 - The years 2004, 2005 and 2006, compared to 2003, 2002 and 2001, total accidents in the County were DOWN 11.7%. 2007 total accidents were up 1.1%
- Fatal Accidents down 25% - Fatalities down 24%
 - DOWN 10% 2008 YTD
- 80% of fatal accidents on surface streets, 20% occur on Interstates
 - 90% of traffic enforcement in neighborhoods
 - 10% on interstate system



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights

- DUI Charges filed up 32%
 - UP 21% 2008 YTD
- Traffic Stops lead to aggressive police work and increased visibility in neighborhoods
- 2007: 24.3% of all arrest actions started with a professional traffic stop
 - 21,175 arrest actions
- 2006: 23.7% of all arrest actions started with a professional traffic stop
 - 18,444 arrest actions
- 2007: 47% of all stops result in warnings not citations
- 2007 traffic tickets issued down 15%
- 2006 traffic tickets issued down 17%



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights: Efficiencies

- Total Arrest up 8.26%
- Charges for narcotics violations up 3%
- *The three-year period ending 2006 demonstrated a 34% increase in Narcotic violations charges*
- *Data clearly suggest that the MNPD, now, is arresting and charging more Narcotics violators than at any other time in this decade, and likely the history of the MNPD*
- Decentralized - Neighborhood based Narcotics Teams ARE making a difference
- Outstanding juvenile warrants served by arrest up 23%



2007 Calendar Year End Highlights: Efficiencies

- Outstanding adult warrants served by arrest up 3%
- *The three-year period ending 2006 demonstrated a 241% increase in warrants served by arrest*
- Calls for Police Service were up 8%
- *The three-year period ending 2006 demonstrated a 20% increase in the average number of Calls For Service per officer*
- *Weekly Calls for Service for Rape, Robbery, Assault and Burglary never average more than 4% of all Calls for Service*



2007: Felony Adjudications Decentralization Works!

- Compared to the 75 largest counties in America, Nashville experiences:
- 6% higher conviction rate on all felony arrests
- 3% higher conviction rate on violent felony arrests
- 8% higher conviction rate on felony property crime arrests
- 17% higher conviction rate on felony drug arrests
- General Johnson and his office is the most successful and professional Prosecution team I have ever worked with



Challenges That Lie Ahead: Issues that disproportionately impact crime

- Adult Repeat Offenders
- Juvenile Repeat Offenders
- Juvenile Violent Crime
- GANGS
- Obnoxious Street Behavior “panhandling”
- Workload of Officers and Staff
- Recruitment
- The next four years and beyond



Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- 13,401 unique persons have been arrested over the last 12 months for at least one of the following Charges: Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Drug Offense, and/or Weapons Violation. On Average:
- 49.% have been previously arrested for the same offense
- 76.1% have been previously arrested for any offense
- 35.3% have been previously convicted of the same offense



Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- 61% have been previously convicted of any offense
- 30.% have been previously convicted of a Felony
- 639 individuals have been arrested who may qualify for prosecution under the 'Crooks With Guns' Bill. 571 of these individuals have a felony conviction.
 - We have charged 73 cases under the new law in 2008
- These individuals each have an average of 18. criminal charges



Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- Nashville's Violent Crime rate and how its impacted by recidivism
- 140 persons arrested for Murder or attempted
 - 35.7% had prior FELONY CONVICTION
 - 66.4% had a prior conviction for any crime
- 79 persons arrested for Rape
 - 16.5% had prior FELONY CONVICTION
 - 51% had a prior conviction for any crime
- 399 persons arrested for Robbery
 - 39% had a prior FELONY CONVICTION
 - 67% had a prior conviction for any crime



Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- 4,104 persons arrested for Aggravated Assault
 - 26% had a prior FELONY CONVICTION
 - 57% had a prior conviction for any crime
- MNPD arrests about 9,000 persons every 12 months for Narcotics
 - 17% had PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS FOR NARCOTICS
 - 42% had a prior CONVICTION for Narcotic offense
 - 32% had a prior FELONY CONVICTION
 - 65% had a conviction for any offense
 - 55% had been previously arrested on a narcotics charge
- *“If Narcotics Trafficking was a Fortune 500 company, it would be ranked #15,”* DEA Director, September 2005



Juvenile Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- 739 unique Juveniles have been arrested over the last 12 months for at least one of the following Charges: Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Drug Offense, and/or Weapons Violation. On Average:
- 29% have been previously arrested for the same offense
- 84% have been previously arrested for any offense
- 42.5% have been previously arrested for a violent Part I Offense



Juvenile Recidivism Bottom Line

4/1/07 – 3/31/08

- Each offender had an average of 10 prior arrests
- 20% have been previously found delinquent on the same offense
- 14% have been previously found delinquent on a FELONY
- 48% have been previously found delinquent of any offense



GANGS – Operation Safer Streets

2007 Year End

- Weekly initiative targeting gang members and known locations of gang activity – started in May 2006
 - Utilizing Gang Detectives, Narcotics Detectives, Field Officers, K-9, Federal Agents, etc., as a team three days per week
 - A third day, funded by an overtime grant, began July 29th - provide additional day through November 2008
- Goals are to solicit intelligence, make arrests, remove drugs/guns and serve warrants



GANGS – Operation Safer Streets

2007 Year End

- 2,078 arrest actions
 - Or an average of 40 arrest actions per weekend
 - 1002 actions 2008 YTD
- 369 felony charges
 - 120 charges 2008 YTD
- 2,299 misdemeanor charges
 - 1052 charges 2008 YTD
- 377 warrants served
 - 174 served 2008 YTD
- 432 drug seizures
 - 133 seizures 2008 YTD
- 45 guns seizures
 - 10 seizures 2008 YTD



GANGS – Operation Safer Streets

2007 Year End

- January 2007 permanent Gang Unit doubled in size to 2 Sergeants and 13 Detectives
 - Original Gang Unit formed in summer of 2004 with 1 sergeant and 6 detectives
- March 2008 OSS infused with new resources by reassigning Mission One Supervisors and Detectives
 - 4-5 Sergeants and 20-25 Detectives each Friday and Saturday



Illegal Guns

- Project Safe Neighborhood initiative continues to be a significant success
 - Currently over 320 cases of Convicted Felons in possession of firearms await Federal Prosecution
 - Beginning July 2005, MNPD assigned seven detectives dedicated to following up on all firearm possession arrest to seek Federal prosecution or enhanced state prosecutions
 - Beginning July 2005 these seven detectives have met weekly with Federal and State Prosecutors and review each PSN firearm case
- A new initiative between the US Attorney Ed Yarborough, General Johnson and the MNPD is imminent that will provide new resources to deal with gang crime, violent crime and prosecutions.



2007 Quality of Life OT Initiative Highlights: **Aggressive Panhandling**

- Undercover overtime initiative in our Central and West Precincts– started June 2007 and continues through June 30, 2008
- 342 unique persons arrested (through April 10, 2008)
- Criminal History details of these 399 individuals
 - Arrested a total of 10,394 times on 16,226 charges with 6,989 convictions
 - An of average 26 arrest, 40 charges and 17.5 convictions per individual



2007 Quality of Life OT Initiative Highlights: Aggressive Panhandling

- Most Common Charges in Criminal History
- Public Intoxication Charges
 - 48% prior arrest for same charge
 - 42% conviction rate
- Trespassing Charges
 - 64% prior arrest for same charge
 - 87% conviction rate
- Disorderly Conduct Charges
 - 40% prior arrest for same charge
 - 75% conviction rate
- Does this data suggest a lifestyle choice?



Workload and Efficiency of Staff

- Highly-motivated employees are performing at historic and sustained rates!
- There were 2.06 sworn officers per 1,000 residents
 - According to USDOJ Bureau of Justice Statistics, cities the size of Nashville have 2.74 officers per 1,000
- There were 650 Incident Calls per sworn officer, the highest ratio in department history (811,260)
 - 2006 the year end total was 603 Incidents per Officer



Workload and Efficiency of Staff

- Since 1989, the last year crime was as low as 2007, the population of Davidson County has grown by 20%, nearly 100,000 new residents
- Officer staffing has grown by 17%, 2007 vs. 1989
- *BUT workload per officer has grown over 105%, 2007 vs. 1989*
- 2007 year end, Self-Initiated activity was up another 23%
 - For the years 2004, 2005, 2006, compared to 2003, 2002 and 2001, individual officer SELF- INITIATED activity was UP 70%
- 2008 YTD Self –Initiated activity is up again by 9%



Making a Difference: The Next Four Years

- The solution to crime is:
 - Healthy and stable communities and families
 - Active participation in education
 - Active participation in the economy
- Major initiatives for the next four years include:
- Recruit and retain the highest quality staff through *outstanding pay and benefits packages*
 - Academy class started in February (50 trainees remain), June and October 2008 with target size of 50 per class
 - We are making headway on vacancies
 - Current sworn staff is 1272.
 - Authorized staffing of 1,312.



Making a Difference: The Next Four Years

- Building a new West Precinct
- Continue capital funding of existing Crime Lab renovation
 - Establishing a MNPD DNA Lab
- Expand the number of police precincts through brick and mortar construction and enhanced MNPD staffing
- Continue to address holistically the major impediments to further crime reduction and enhance the quality of life for Nashville's friends, families, children, and visitors:



Making a Difference: The Next Four Years

- Shocking adult and juvenile recidivism rates
- Juvenile violent crime and gangs
- Staggering rates of repeat narcotics offenders
- Obnoxious and illegal behavior of repeat offenders of aggressive panhandling
- Our officers and professional staff are focused and getting the job done, I am very proud of their efforts



Making a Difference: The Next Four Years

- We do not accept mediocrity and we relentlessly challenge the status quo to create new and innovative ways to advance the organization to goal achievement
- Nashville IS a safer city than it was four years ago
- But not every street is safe, and we are not fully safe until we are ALL safe