



Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Report

Presentation to Board of County
Commissioners

August 22, 2023



Presentation Outline

- Reconvening the Task Force
- Community Engagement & Crime Survey
- Task Force Report
- Next Steps
- Requested Action



Task Force Goal and Structure

Goal: Identify strategies and solutions to reduce and prevent gun violence and violent crime in the community.



Prevention

Work with youth ages 13 – 25 in zip codes where the incidence of violent crime is highest



Intervention

Promote interagency cooperation & coordination among service providers



Enforcement

Review data & evidence-based enforcement strategies to reduce gun violence



Prosecution

Enhance prosecution of gun violence and violent crimes



Task Force Members

Task Force Co-Chairs

- Jim Coffin, Retired Executive Director, Interfaith Council
- Dr. James R. Doggette, Sr. Pastor, Patmos Chapel

Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

- Lisa Early, City of Orlando Families, Parks & Recreation Dept
- Candice W. Jones, MD, FAAP, Board Certified Pediatrician
- Honorable Sr. Circuit Judge Daniel Dawson, Ninth Judicial Circuit
- Jonathan Cox, Ph.D., University of Central Florida, Department of Sociology

Members:

- Arnie Amoros, Orange County District 4 Representative
- Barb Bergin, Crimeline Central Florida
- Johnny Brinson, Debra Clayton Bridging the Gap





Task Force Members

- Charles Brown, Bridges International
- Chloe Johnson Brunson, Orange County District 1 Representative
- Laddie Calloway, Greater Footsteps Foundation, Inc.
- Lisa Coffey, Orange County Public Schools Social Services
- Linda Coffin, Moms Demand Action
- Eric Debose, Orange County Sheriff's Office & Youth Mentor
- Sandra Fatmi-Hall, Pine Hills Community Council
- Adam Hartnett, Poverty Solutions Group & Circles of Care
- Catherine Jones, Orange County District 5 Representative
- Pastor Sabrina Jones, Orange County District 2 Representative
- Subhash Kateel, Alliance for Safety and Justice & Florida Rights Restoration Coalition
- Barbara Lanning, League of Women Voters



ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023



Task Force Members

- Ricky Ly, Jacobs Engineering & Advocate
- Marquis R. McKenzie, Sr., Orange County District 6 Representative
- Chief Mike McKinley, Apopka Police Department
- Sheriff John Mina, Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Miles Mulrain, Jr., Let Your Voice Be Heard
- Nancy Oesch, Oxford University Lecturer
- Tuan Payton, Former FBI
- Father Jose Rodriguez, Orange County District 3 Representative
- Reverend Dr. Gabriel Salguero, The Gathering Place & National Latino Evangelical Coalition
- Chief Eric Smith, Orlando Police Department
- Chief Assistant State Attorney Bill Vose, Retired, Ninth Judicial Circuit
- Honorable State Attorney Monique Worrell, Ninth Judicial Circuit





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Community Engagement & Crime Survey



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**Prevent and Reduce
Gun Violence and Violent Crime**

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Take a short, confidential survey
about gun violence and violent crime
in your community.

www.ocfl.net/crimesurvey



Survey will close May 12, 2023



Community Engagement

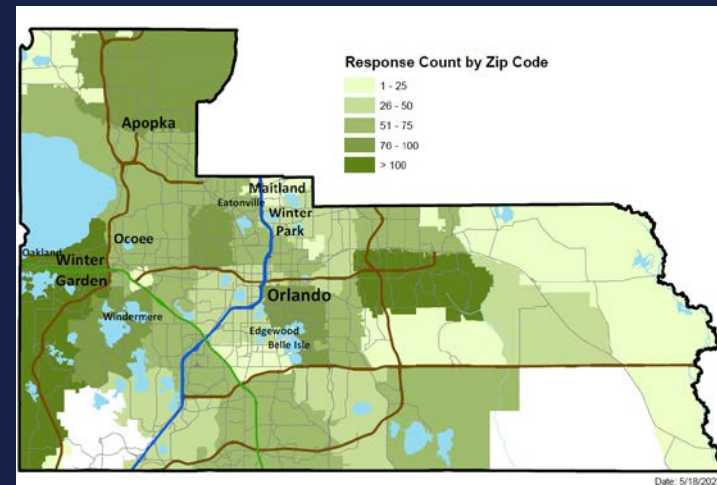
- Task Force & Subcommittee Meetings - Public Comment
- Re-launched Citizens Safety Task Force Webpage & Email
- Held Two Community Meetings
- Re-launched Community Crime Survey



Community Crime Survey – Key Findings

Community Crime Survey – 2,508 Responses | 47 Zip Codes

- 70% - rated their feeling of safety as safe or very safe
- 49% - stated the level of gun violence and violent crime in the past three years has increased
- 54% of the respondents rated the level of police protection as excellent or good
- 30% - felt law enforcement makes it easy to provide input to them to help solve problems
- 54% - did not feel they had access to prevention and intervention programs
- 64% - expand mentoring and intervention programs for youth and young adults





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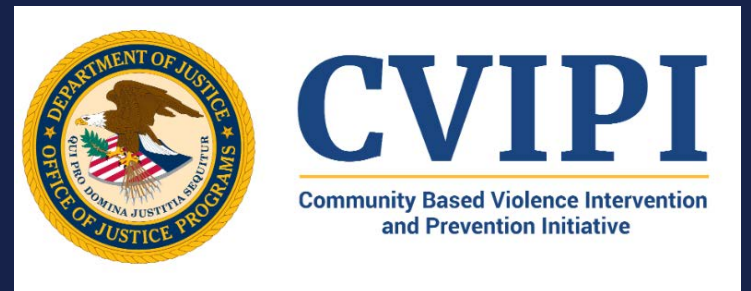


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Recommendation #2: Expand/Enhance Access to Effective Youth, and Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

Short-Term Actions:

- **Credible Messenger - review the impact of the program and determine if additional funding is needed**
- **Partner with municipalities to implement evidence-based Community Violence Intervention (CVI) models**



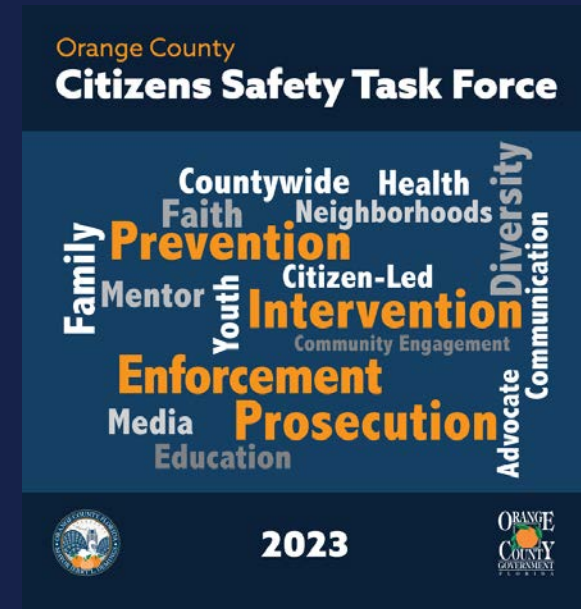


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Proposed Recommendation #5: Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety (*Recommended Action: Refer to the Orange County Attorney's Office*)

Proposed Long-Term Actions:

- **Create an intersectional coalition to advise the Orange County Mayor and Commission** (*Recommended Action: Refer to the Orange County Public Safety Coordinating Council*)





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Recommendation #7: Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community

Proposed Long-Term Actions:

- **Disseminate information to the community, school district, and stakeholders regarding Orange County funded programs and services**
- **Utilize different modalities and platforms communicate information**





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Recommendation #1: Develop a detailed plan that addresses generations of neglect and poverty by formulating a **3-year vision** with a systemic focus that reviews the structural changes that provide a healthy community where everyone thrives.

Proposed Short-Term Action:

- Enhance the family support system to include prenatal care, childcare, and early childhood education



Recommendation #4: Define, develop, and fund a credible messenger's program.

Proposed Short-Term Action:

- Utilize a program that will respond during a violent crisis to assist the individual and community



Proposed Short-Term Action:

- Recommendation #7:** Create a realistic channel for communication with the community and youth

Proposed Long-Term Actions:

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Proposed Recommendation #1: Establish and maintain a Community Ambassador (CA) Program that will be tasked with connecting community organizations, community leaders and community members as well as attend community events on behalf of the county providing details on key resources, activities and events to assist in initiatives that directly or indirectly impact crime in the community.

Proposed Short-term Actions:

- **Connect law enforcement agencies & community stakeholders regarding ongoing community events**
- **Provide information on county programs & services**





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Proposed Recommendation #2: Use county media platforms to partner and assist law enforcement agencies in publicizing and increasing awareness of their agencies use of evidence-based practices and non-traditional approaches of community policing and engagement initiatives designed to further build public trust in communities historically distrustful of law enforcement and disproportionately impacted by gun/violent crimes.

Proposed Short-Term Action:

- **Connect with law enforcement agencies and share information on County's media platforms**





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Proposed Recommendation#3: Implement public safety workshops with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders through an independent third-party facilitator. - **Delete**

Proposed Recommendation #4: Assist Orange County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit and Orlando Police Department's Community Response Teams, which provide a joint response to calls that involve people in mental health crisis, to increase awareness of their programs and services by using available county media platforms while also providing statistical updates on program activities.

Proposed Short-Term Action:

- **Community Ambassador share mental health initiatives through various platforms**





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Recommendation #1: Implement Geographic Stewards Program in the Community

Proposed Short-Term Action: Lack of funding and limited staffing has inhibited the progression of this recommendation

Recommendation #2: Implement Civil Citation Diversion Programs

* Due to the recent announcement by the State Attorney's Office on August 10, 2023, the newly appointed State Attorney has suspended all diversion programs except for pretrial diversion through state or county probation.



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Proposed Recommendation #3: Identify a Legislative Advocate who will make recommendations for legislation that will create protections for witnesses and neighboring persons to facilitate their willingness to share information.

Proposed Recommendation #4: State Attorney's Office to issue a statement of affirmation and commitment to prosecuting gun violence cases to the fullest extent possible.

Proposed Recommendation #5: Increase street cameras universally and not just in target areas.

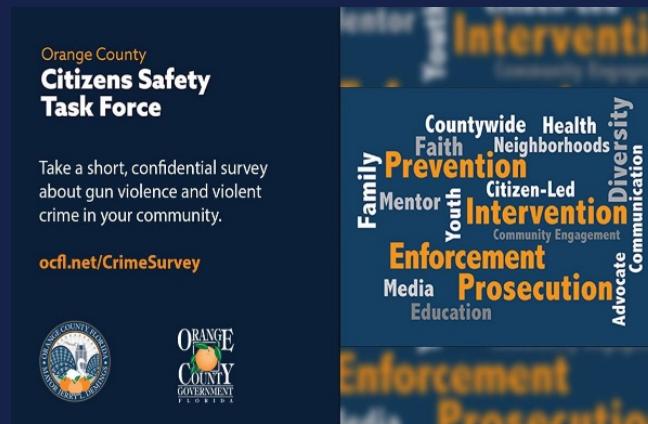




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Proposed Recommendation 6: Recommend the following questions be added to future Community Crime Surveys:

1. If you have perpetrated a crime of gun violence, what would have prevented you from committing that crime?
2. Have you had communication with prosecuting authorities in the past year? If so, were you a victim or a witness?
3. Do you know how the prosecution system works? (Or similar question to assess familiarity with prosecution processes).





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Next Steps:

- Staff workgroup will develop a strategic implementation timeline for the short-term and long-term actions
- Staff will continue to update the Board of County Commissioners – progress reports





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Requested Action:

- **Accept the Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Report.**



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