VIOLENCE PREVENTION, CRISIS INTERVENTION & CRIMINAL JUSTICE UPDATES
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Mayor Lee & Supervisor Cohen Unveil Public Safety Initiative to Address Violence in Southeast Sector

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmMWUBLiAio&t=45s
In July 2012, Mayor Edwin M. Lee announced the San Francisco Violence Prevention and Intervention Initiative, *Interrupt, Predict and Organize (IPO) for a safer San Francisco* in response to a critical increase of homicides impacting particular communities. The vision of the initiative is to reduce street violence and family violence through a coordinated and data-driven approach, thereby, creating a safer City for all of our residents.
San Francisco Sequential Intercept Model: Department of Public Health Signature Programs

- Nurse Family Partnership
- HOPE SF
- Community-Based Outreach/Interventions
- Street Medicine
- CRS /SFSVIP
- LEAD/CASC
- EMS-6/Sobering Center
- CIT
- Behavioral Health Court
- Drug Court
- CJC
- Jail Health Services
- AOT
- Behavioral Health Court
- Drug Court
- CJC
- Jail Health Services
- MHD
- Behavioral Health Court
- Drug Court
- CJC
- Jail and Reentry
- No Supervision
- Parole/PRCS
- CASC/Offender Treatment Program
- MAP
- Jail Health Services
- PRSPR
- TCN
Intercept 0: Community-Prevention Efforts

- **Crisis Response System & Services:**
  The Crisis Response System (CRS) is a partnership between many city departments and local organizations. The CRS makes sure that people affected by a violent incident get the services and support they need immediately. Violent incidents are incidents such as shootings, homicides, or serious assaults.

- **Street Violence Response Team:**
  The Street Violence Response Team (SVRT) brings together the team every week to review violent incidents and coordinate ongoing work on these incidents.

- **Street Violence Intervention Program:** The Street Violence Intervention Program (SVIP) aims to reduce street violence and homicides through street-level prevention and intervention. The SVIP focuses especially on young people. SVIP outreach workers engage in three main activities: street outreach, crisis response, and community mobilization.
San Francisco’s Crisis Response System

- Crisis Incident Occurs
- SFPD Notifications Sent
- SFDPH and/or SFSVIP Responds

**SVRT Coordination**

- SVRT Facilitator Sends Notices with SFPD Confirmation
- SVRT Affirms Agenda and Meets on Wednesdays
- SVRT Designates Lead

**Service Coordination**

- SVRT Lead & Follow Up.
- Critical cases provided immediate interventions, behavioral health services, temporary emergency support, employment or recreational activities.
The Crisis Response System

- After a violent incident, CRS members reach out to community members to understand the needs of families and the community impacted by violence.
- CRS members work to understand what sort of support victims and the community needs, both immediately and long-term.
- At the hospital, CRS members make sure that victims and families get the support they need.
- In the hours and days following a violent incident, the Crisis Response System makes sure that all the organizations that are a part of it have the best possible understanding of a situation.
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The Street Violence Response Team
In 2012, the Mayor’s Office of Violence Prevention Services established the Street Violence Response Team to develop a comprehensive and coordination response to incidents of street violence.

*Overarching Goal:* To effectively plan an immediate street violence response for any neighborhood impacted by a street violence such as a homicide(s) and to identify leads offering supportive services for all affected by a critical incident.

The San Francisco Violence Prevention and Intervention initiative strives to reduce street violence and family violence through a coordinated and data-driven approach, thereby, creating a safer City for all of our residents.
SVRT Response Process

**Activation**
- SFPD provides criteria to Violence Prevention Services Lead in 24 hours (i.e. description of incident, victim(s) age and demographics, and geographic area).
- Teams are deployed to provide police or community support.
- SVRT cases are selected and partners are notified on Tuesdays.

**Follow Up**
- SVRT meetings are held every Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am at City Hall.
- Meeting provides forum for a rapid crisis response and immediate violence intervention plan.
- Organizational leads are identified to provide services/follow-up to victims and their families.
- Separate confidential briefing(s) are organized by enforcement, social agencies and community based providers.

**Outcome**
- An immediate 48 hour response and follow-up occurs by a lead agencies with victim(s), family and/or community impacted by street violence (i.e. forum, town hall, street fair etc.).
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Street Violence Intervention Program

The San Francisco Street Violence Intervention Program (SFSVIP) is a street outreach and crisis response program created in 2013 to reduce and intervene in youth related street violence for the City and County of San Francisco. SFSVIP is a part of San Francisco’s Street Violence Reduction Team (SVRT), which brings together and organizes multiple partnerships to sustain a long-term reduction in street violence. SFSVIP was modeled after the Real Alternatives Program (RAP), CALLES Program (1984), and the Community Response Network (CRN)(2003 Mission & 2006 BVHP-PH, Viz-Valley, Western Addition & Asian Pacific Islanders).

Mission:

To reduce negative behaviors with identified youth ages 10-35 that can lead to street violence in San Francisco.

Target Population:

Youth and young adults age 10 to 35 years old who are:
- **At-Risk** - no system involvement but display negative behavior.
- **High-Risk** - system involved first time and/or on probation/parole.
- **In-Risk** - system involved and identified as a target of being either a victim or a perpetrator of street violence.
SVIP PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Street Canvassing
- Preventive Education
- Safe Passage
- Conflict Mediation
- Community Mobilization
- Intensive Mentorship
- Crisis Response Support

- Crisis Response
- Post Crisis Response
- SVRT
- Crisis Collaborative Partnership
- Focus SOR

- Street Outreach
- Crisis Response
- Education Unit
- Intensive Mentorship

- Mediation
- Preventive-Education
- Intensive Mentorship
- Liaison
- Classroom support & observation
- Safety check-ins
- Safe Space Support
- Sports Event Support (Games)
- Safe Passage

- Mentor/Counselling
- Outings/Rec. Activities
- Safe Passage
- Linkage & Referrals

Focus
2018 SF SVIP Outcomes

In 2018, from January to December, SVIP served 157 Individuals w/Crisis Response Family Support, 235 Individuals w/Education Unit Mediation Support, and 204 Individuals w/Intensive Mentorship.
We’ve certainly noticed that gun violence and homicides are down fairly significantly from last year,” said Cmdr. Greg McEachern, who heads the San Francisco police investigations bureau.

San Francisco’s homicide count may sink to level not seen in 50 years
Questions?