

Violence Prevention Unit

Summary of Activities: January—December 2022



Madison Dane County Prevention Coalition

- Launched monthly Speaker Series events in June 2022. Virtual series focused on violence prevention and intervention issues and strategies
- Held four Violence Prevention Coalition meetings
- Awarded first round of RFP funding to 5 grant recipients: Dane County District Attorney's Office Crime Response Program; Dane County Multi Agency Center; Urban Triage; Operation Fresh Start; Meadowood Neighborhood Association. Additional grant funding will be provided in 2023



Data

- Added violence trends to the VPU website, consisting of trends in sexual violence, firearm fatalities and violent crime.
- Published the following data snapshots: *Firearm Deaths in Dane County* and *Violent Crime Trends in Madison*
- Created internal tracking documents to regularly monitor homicide, suicide and suicidal ideation, non-fatal firearm injuries, and other indicators of gun violence.
- Began mapping violent incidents from CSIT and MPD data to use in identifying hotspots.

The Roadmap includes five goals for reducing violence in our communities:

Goal 1: Understand violence in our community through data.

Goal 2: Support community engagement with children, youth and families.

Goal 3: Foster strong neighborhoods.

Goal 4: Bolster and increase intervention and continuous healing for those affected by violence.

Goal 5: Strengthen community capacity, engagement, and coordination of violence prevention efforts.





Community Safety Intervention Team

- Expanded of CSIT to include more community partners for better information sharing of violent incidents
- Increased and enhanced tracking of CSIT cases and outcomes for mapping.
- Created CSIT quarterly reports and first annual 2022 report



Community Alternative Response Emergency Services

- Expanded program from one to two teams and from 8 hours per day to 12 hours per day. Further expansions are planned in 2023.
- Formed a partnership with the [Justice, Health, and Democracy Impact Initiative](#) (JHD), who facilitate in a community of best practice with other mobile crisis programs and provide evaluation support.
- Published monthly reports to City of Madison Alders and the first annual data report for the general public.



Isthmus Safety Initiative

- Developed a program for Public Health to provide Safety Navigators on State Street
- Made a parking lot safer through a light, two cameras, and temporary closures
- Contracted the Rape Crisis Center to provide services for a Bystander Intervention Training for bar and restaurant staff in the State Street area



Other Activities

- Partnered with Madison's Community Development Division, public libraries, and Parks Division in "Parks Alive"
- Helped Coordinate Northside Community Safety Event August 11th
- Coordinated Wear Orange Day Walk and Rally to End Gun Violence Awareness on June 3rd

