



City of Dallas

Dallas Police Strategies on Random Gunfire

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Presentation Overview



- **Strategies for Random Gunfire (RGF):**
 - Reactive vs Proactive
 - Placed based approach
 - Person focused approach
 - Enhanced prosecution
 - Federal partnership
 - Community engagement
- **Current and Emerging technologies**
 - Cameras
 - License Plate Readers (LPR)
 - Drones
 - Shot detection systems



Reactive vs Proactive strategies



- **Reactive**

- Random Patrols
- Rapid Response to 911 calls
- Investigation of reported crimes

- **Proactive**

- Systematic and Data driven
- Parallels tied to Department's Violent Crime Plan
 - Placed Based approach:
 - Directed patrols and targeted resources used in areas known historically for RGF
 - Person focused approach:
 - Identifying those individuals wanted for gun crimes
 - Gang identification and location awareness
 - Monitoring of Social Media and other underground sites to monitor social gatherings and subjects on parole/probation for gun offenses



Proactive strategies



- **Enhanced Prosecution:**

- All patrol divisions now have a designated gun detective
 - First piloted in the SW Patrol Division in October 2022
 - Tasked with filing offenses of UPF, UCW, and Discharging Firearm in Certain Municipalities
 - Can be stand alone charges or filed with the primary offense i.e.. Aggravated Assault, Deadly Conduct
 - Provides Division Commanders an avenue to address gun related crimes where the primary offense may have been suspended
 - All gun detectives will be Task Force Officers with the ATF
 - Access to ATF resources and enhanced federal prosecution of gun cases

- **Federal partnership:**

- Weekly Gun CompStat briefings to discuss gun related incidents/offenses – Conducted with DPD leadership and members of the ATF
- Data driven information specific to locations, suspect vehicles, weapons, National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) leads, known suspects, ongoing operations
- Assist Department in Federal prosecution of gun related crimes



Proactive strategies



- **Community Engagement**

- Utilizing NPOs to engage with members of the community on known locations of RGF
- Distribution of flyers/door hangers in areas identified as having higher incidents of RGF
- Collaborate with the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions to assist in mitigating factors that contribute to RGF and crime in neighborhoods
- Focused deterrence – placing a focus on select group of individuals that have been involved in gun related crimes.
 - Strong message from Department that gun crimes will not be tolerated
 - Additional support and outreach to high-risk offenders



Current and Emerging Technologies



- **Cameras**

- Moveable
- Static

- **License Plate Recognition**

- Strategic deployment in areas associated with RGF and violence
- Assist officers locating vehicles involved in RGF and identification of possible suspects

- **Drones**

- Departments drones provide additional coverage in areas identified as repeated RGF locations
- Recently assisted in an operation conducted in the Northeast Patrol Division which led to several arrests of subjects participating in RGF

- **Shot Detection systems**

- “Book is still out”
- Acoustic sensing systems designed to detect the sound of gun shot and triangulate the location of this shot
- Can increase police workloads
- Findings are mixed – may not lead to more arrests of RGF





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