



**Foothills
Community Policing Council
July 11, 2022**

Approximately 28 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members.

CPC members present: Idalia Luchuga-Tena, Byron Powdrell, Jeanne Hamrick, Sylvia Maser, David Anderson

CPC members not present: Paul Sedillo (resigned)

- 1. Call to order** – 6:11
- 2. Approval of July Agenda-** Approved
- 3. Approval of June Minutes** – Approved
- 4. Chair report**
 - Hybrid meetings in July, August, and September
 - National night out
 - Recruiting committee
 - There are 6 to 7 council members currently.
 - If you know someone who is interested in joining the FH CPC, apply online.
 - FH council member Dave Anderson
 - Broken window policing and brief description on the APOA.
- 5. FH area command crime report**
 - New FH area commander Shawn Garret
 - Month of June
 - Commercial robberies – 19
 - Residential robberies – 1
 - Car jackings – 2
 - Auto thefts – 57
 - Warm up thefts – 0
 - Commercial burglaries – 21
 - Residential burglaries – 37
 - Auto burglaries – 31
 - Shot spotter – 70
 - Felony arrest – 52
 - Misdemeanor arrest – 35
 - Felony warrants – 44
 - Misdemeanor warrants – 28

- 6. Violence Intervention Program Jason Janopoulos, Deputy Commander Investigative Services Division and Angel Garcia Manager Violence Intervention Program Social Services (power point attached)**
 - VIP
 - What is Violence Intervention Program?
 - VIP current practice model
 - VIP contact information
- 7. Community comments and questions**
- 8. Next meeting is Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM**
- 9. Meeting Adjourned – 7:46 PM**

To watch the Foothills CPC July Council Meeting, please click the link below:

Topic: Foothills Community Policing Council

Date: July 11, 2022, 6:00 PM Mountain Time (U.S. and Canada)

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VIP

Violence Intervention Program

What is the Violence Intervention Program

The Violence Intervention Programs identifies individuals who are at the highest risk of shooting or being shot and its goal is to reduce violence through targeted intervention.

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As a four-time convicted felon and former gang member of 20 plus years, I understand the obstacles that get in our way when we want to change. Our actions at times are driven by survival instincts. Worrying about where your next meal is coming from, where you're going to sleep tonight and not having the education or job skills to get ahead in life are all factors that hold us back. We often think that no one cares about what we go through. Let me just tell you that - WE CARE and YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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Angel Garcia

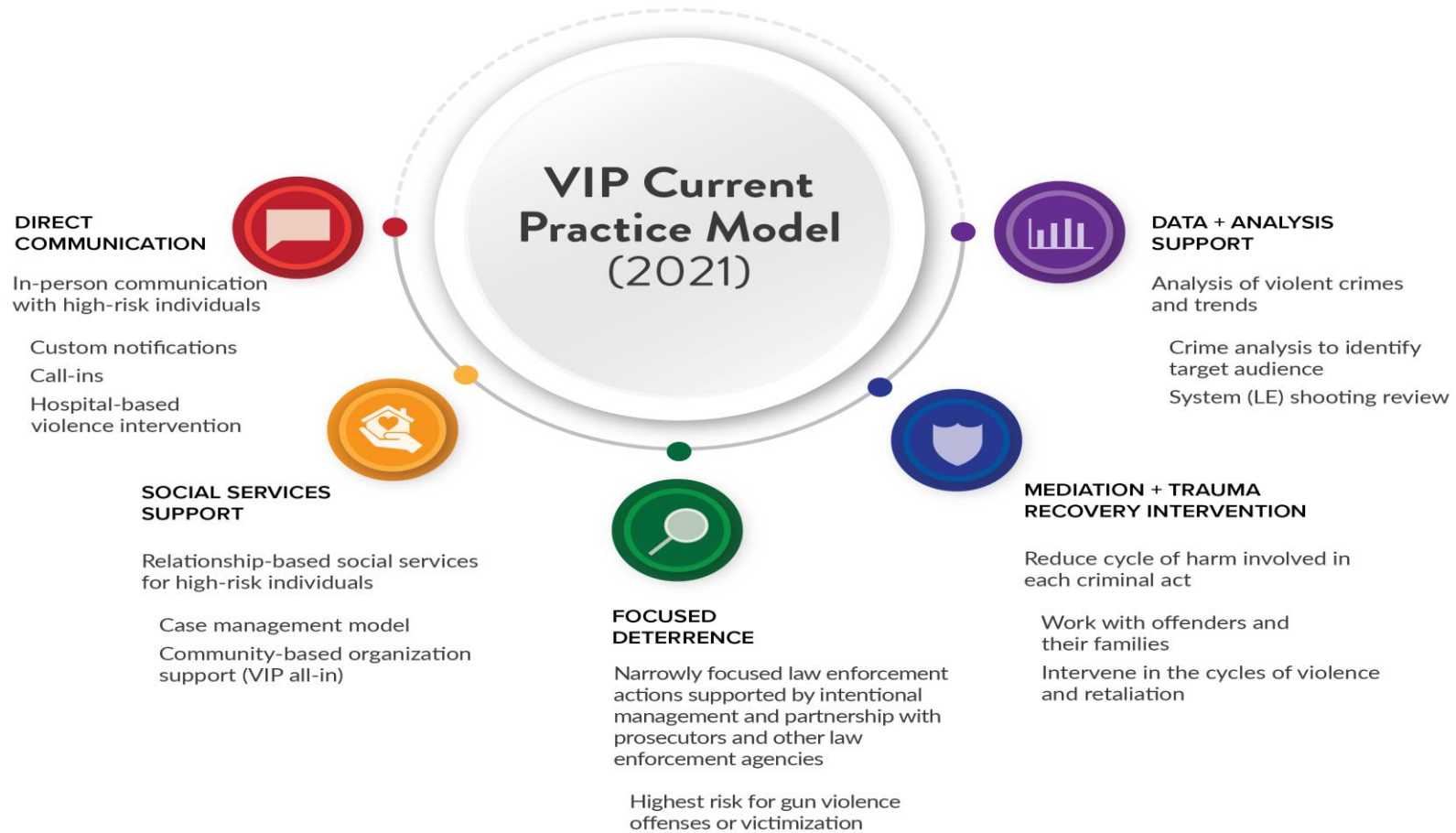
Social Services Manager for the Violence Intervention Program

“As a twenty-five year veteran specializing in gang enforcement within the Chicago Police Department, I was accustomed to chasing after criminals, kicking in doors and arresting them, but I have to admit the Violence Intervention Program works!”

Deputy Commander Jason Janopoulos

Albuquerque Police Department's Violence Intervention Program

VIP Current Practice Model



VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM (VIP)

- VIP focuses on identifying the victims of gun violence, any groups and/or individuals responsible for acts of gun violence and then, the Albuquerque Police Department in cooperation with Albuquerque Family and Community Services exercises focused deterrence practices, while connecting VIP participants with peer and social service supports.

VIP Description

- Together with our community partners and certified **Peer Support** workers, with lived experience, we intervene in the cycles of violence with custom notifications, call-ins, and focused law enforcement activity. The goal is to reduce firearm violence and retaliatory violence in Albuquerque.

Albuquerque's Violence Intervention Program

- VIP promotes evidence based violence reduction initiatives which seek to interrupt cycles of violence and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of homicides, shooting and aggravated assaults.
- This includes: focused deterrence, procedural justice, community policing, problem oriented policing and strategic prevention and intervention services based on public health strategies that strengthen the community's capacity to deter violent crime.
- VIP is partnership that includes law enforcement, prosecutors, community members and community based organizations to reduce gun violence while doing no further harm in the communities that experience the most violent crime.

VIP's Goals

1. Prevent tomorrow's shooter
2. Reduce retaliation incidents
3. Improve Community Well Being
 - ✓ Lessen youth expelled from schools for guns
 - ✓ Increase safe community spaces
 - ✓ Increase safety at apartment complexes
 - ✓ Increase in trained community safety advocates/street outreach
 - ✓ Increase in City support of community driven safety goals
 - ✓ Build community capacity for healing, mediation and restorative justice

The purpose of the **Law Enforcement Letter** is to emphasize the consequences of continued gun violence to them as an individual.

There are three scenarios for a violent offender: You can continue in the game that you are in and find yourself a victim of gun violence ... find yourself arrested for gun violence ... or we can help you find a way out of this."

When you give the VIP letter and brochure to the individual you want to stress the consequences but also to start emphasizing the social services that can be offered to them. Look for clues as to how you can "customize" this notification to this particular individual.

VIP Law Enforcement Letter

- Name
- Address
- Dear **John Doe**
- It has come to the attention of the Albuquerque Police Department's Violence Intervention Program that you have been involved in an incident involving a gun. Based on the known circumstances of these incidents we suspect there is the possibility for retaliation from you and/or your associates against the other subject(s) involved in the incident. It is the intention of this letter to strongly discourage any retaliation, provide you with resources, as well as inform you of the legal consequences any retaliation could bring forth. In opposition to handling this situation on your own, I would strongly encourage you to cooperate with the investigators, so a legal and safe resolution can take place.
- Retaliation and violations of any gun related crimes will be prosecuted to the fullest. Depending on the extent of the retaliation, you could be charged by the State of New Mexico or federally prosecuted.
- The goal of the Violence Intervention Program is to inform you of potential penalties of violations and to offer assistance, which can be beneficial to turn your life away from criminal activity. There are several services we can provide to you. For example, drug abuse counseling, job training, job placement and even GED preparation can be provided. Please let us know if you would like further information regarding assistance. Do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss this letter in further detail.
- -Deputy Commander Jason Janopoulos (505) 289-9992
- Of course, we hope you will follow all of the laws of our State, and it is our hope that we will not have a need to charge you with any crimes in the future. Please be forewarned, **John Doe**, violence will not be tolerated and as Law Enforcement professionals we will do all that is in our power to ensure a cease of violence in our community. I hope you understand our stance and help us to put an end to violent crime in Albuquerque.
- Sincerely,

VIP

The City of Albuquerque is invested in giving everyone the chance and opportunity to get the services they need to succeed. Family and Community Services is the source for you to receive the assistance and guidance to move forward towards a brighter future



Services VIP can offer

Financial Well-being

1. Job placement
2. Job training
3. GED preparation and programs
4. Help in getting into college
5. Trade school
6. Utility/Rental Assistance

Physical and Emotional Well-being

1. Assistance with counseling/therapy
2. Substance abuse referrals
3. Food boxes
4. Clothing
5. Baby supplies (diapers, formula, etc. etc.)
6. Burial assistance

CALL-IN

- The call-in is a way of communicating directly to group/gang members that the affected community wants the violence to cease, that there is help available to group members who want it, and that meaningful legal consequences will follow where the violence does not stop. Call-ins can be dramatic, powerful, even transformative experiences in which group members, community members, and law enforcement see each other in new ways, build new relationships, and recognize crucial common ground. **At their core, call-ins are a communication tool**, a way to speak to group members and deliver critical information to those individuals that can initiate change.

Gun Buy Back

- APD works in partnership with the City Council and Social Services to remove unwanted firearms from Albuquerque streets.
- We offer gift cards from companies that do not sell firearms such as Target, Smith's and Home Depot.
- It is held at the Metropolitan Forensic Science Center (APD Crime Lab) at 5350 2nd Street NW.
- We took in about 400 unwanted firearms at the two Gun Buy Backs we hosted last year.
- At the first Gun Buy Back we offered Social Services and plan to do so at future Gun Buy Backs.

VIP Contact Information

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