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Mayor Hogsett, IMPD Present 2022 Priorities

Briefing comes as community-based peacemakers hit the streets

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Mayor Joe Hogsett joined Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Chief Randal Taylor, Assistant Chief Chris Bailey and IMPD Command Staff to present the department’s priorities to start the year.

This update comes on the first day the City’s newest round of community-based peacemakers hit the streets of Indianapolis, intercepting individuals before they commit or become victim to a potentially deadly shooting.

“Through our three-year, \$150 million comprehensive violence reduction plan, we are tackling gun violence with a focus on both root causes and law enforcement,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “While it is necessary that we offer alternative paths to individuals trapped in the cycles of violence, we also need to ensure our message is clear: if you possess and illegal gun or if you intend to harm someone, you will be held accountable.”

This year, IMPD’s year-long initiatives include the following:

- Remain laser-focused on the perpetrators contributing to violent crime
- Improve functionality and accessibility to IMPD’s data
- Roll-out modern policing technology to fight and deter criminal activity
- Expand community engagement & recruiting efforts

Laser Focused on Perpetrators of Violent Crime

IMPD is committed to a targeted approach to violent crime reduction by identifying those most at risk of becoming perpetrators or victims of violence. [This approach](#) is backed by national-best practices and in collaboration with community-based strategies, has shown to be effective over a sustained period of time.

In April 2021, IMPD launched the Enhanced Community Safety Initiative (ECSI). This initiative created violence reduction teams (VRT) and task forces (VCTF) to strategically target violent perpetrators during key times of the day. Additionally, proactive teams were added to East, North and Northwest District.

- During 2021, VRT's and VCTF's were able to:
 - Seize **853** guns
 - Make **1,697** total felony & felony warrant arrests

In July of 2021, the Indianapolis Crime Guns Intelligence Center (CGIC) expanded to become a regional task force known as the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force (ICGTF). ICGTF, along with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and Forensic Services Agency, can now partner with law enforcement agencies in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, Johnson and Shelby counties. It also includes federal partners like the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana.

- In 2021, ICGTF was able to:
 - Seize **288** firearms
 - Make **270** arrests
 - Over **4,000** firearms entered and over 3,500 fired cartridge casings entered into NIBIN

Additionally, IMPD continues to focus on connecting individuals suffering from mental health and substance use issues to the most appropriate services. MCAT is a partnership between the IMPD and Eskenazi Hospital, focusing on real time crises and active police runs. In 2021, M-CAT responded to 979 runs, 97.3% of which did not result in an arrest.

Currently, IMPD officers are trained in mental health first aid and crisis intervention training. In 2021, officers also received access to a mental health screening tool to aid their diagnosis in the field.

Data & Technology

IMPD is working with an outside data consultant to ensure the department's data is up to date and easily accessible to the public. This will help IMPD deploy resources where and when they are needed most.

Data from 2021 shows that while the number of shooting incidents was up in the first six months of 2021, the number was down 11% during the last six months of the year. As of today, homicide numbers are down 35% compared to this time last year and non-fatal shooting incidents are also down 40% from last year. The total homicide clearance rate increased 6.08% from 2020 to 2021. In 2021, IMPD completed more than 31,000 foot patrols district-wide.

During the month of December 2021, IMPD installed 10 new automated license plate readers (ALPR) throughout the Downtown area. Community meetings regarding future locations for ALPRs and public safety cameras are ongoing, 25 ALPRs are slated for installation in the Southwest District over the coming months, with equipment provided by the National Police Foundation. At present, IMPD has over 220 public safety camera views throughout Indianapolis, 120 of which are through the B-Link program.

Investment through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will allocate \$9 million over the next three years and will include additional license plate readers, public safety cameras in high-crime areas and along major thoroughfares, and a new gunshot detection pilot to help police respond to gun crimes more efficiently.

Community Engagement

This year Indianapolis residents will see IMPD engaging and reaching out to residents in a variety of ways. For the second year in a row, IMPD will host town halls in every district. The hour-long sessions will feature an update from the District Commanders followed by a question-and-answer session.

The first town hall is January 31, 2022 at 6PM for Southeast District. The first event will be held virtual due to the surge in COVID-19 cases. Residents can join the Webex meeting with [this link](#).

IMPD will determine at a later date if the additional town halls will be held in-person.

IMPD invites residents [see what district serves them and](#) join in this meaningful conversation:

- Feb 15 at 4PM - Downtown District
- Feb 28 at 6PM - East District
- March 14 at 6PM- Northeast District
- March 28 at 6PM- Southwest District
- April 11 at 6PM- North District

Recruiting

Applications for IMPD's 26th Recruit Class are now open. IMPD encourages all residents who meet the department's [initial requirements](#) to apply.

"The IMPD is currently hiring and looking for men and women to proudly serve this community. We want qualified candidates who want to make a difference in people's lives and makes the streets of Indianapolis safer," said IMPD Chief Randal Taylor.

Officers earn over \$75,000 after 24 months, get paid during the academy, receive overtime pay, health insurance, a pension plan and college incentive pay. Additionally, IMPD is offering a new \$5,000 signing bonus to both new recruits and lateral officers and a referral bonus for both sworn and professional staff.

The 24th IMPD Recruit Class will start February 21, 2022 and will graduate on August 19, 2022. IMPD also will have a lateral class of recruits graduating on February 4, 2022.

Mayor Hogsett announced a comprehensive violence reduction plan in fall 2021, powered by \$150 million in American Rescue Plan funds unanimously approved by the City-County Council. The plan emphasizes law enforcement investments, including \$9 million in modern policing technology, 100 new IMPD officer positions, and up to 40 IMPD civilian positions to cover non-emergencies. It also addresses root causes of violence through \$45 million for grassroots violence prevention organizations, 50 peacemakers to engage with those at risk of becoming perpetrators or victims of gun violence, \$30 million for mental health resources, and more.

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