



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

San Antonio Police Department 2024 Crime Statistics and Violent Crime Reduction Plan Update

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide the Public Safety Committee with briefings on crime data from January 2024 to August 2024 and in collaboration with the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) an update on the implementation of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Crime Statistics

SAPD reports crime occurring in the city based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standard. Each year, the SAPD reports crime data to the FBI which in turn produces an annual report highlighting national crime trends in major metropolitan

areas throughout the country.

The crime data reported by SAPD follows the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) standards. The program includes three Offense Categories (Crimes Against Persons, Property, and Society).

- Crimes Against a Person include the violent crimes of Assault, Homicide, Human Trafficking, Kidnapping, and Sex Offenses.

- Crimes Against Property include offenses such as Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, Arson, Bribery, Counterfeiting/Forgery, Vandalism, Embezzlement, Extortion/Blackmail, Fraud, Stolen Property, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

- Crimes Against Society include offenses such as Drug/Narcotics, Animal Cruelty, Gambling, Pornography/Obscene Material, Prostitution, and Weapon Law Violations.

The Department will provide a January through August crime comparison of 2023 and 2024.

UTSA Violent Crime Reduction Plan

In April 2022, the SAPD partnered with UTSA Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice to assist in the development of a violent crime reduction plan. Following the evaluation of crime data and existing Department strategies, UTSA provided the SAPD with a three-year violent crime reduction plan.

This plan provides strategies aimed to reducing violent crime in the City's most violence-prone areas and among its most violence-prone offenders with the goal of reducing aggregate levels of reported violence City-wide

The plan is a three-pronged approach which consists of hot spot policing, problem-oriented place-based policing (POPBP), and focused deterrence. The first phase of implementation consisting of hot spot policing to reduce violent crime in the City's most violence-prone began in January 2023.

At the September 17, 2024, Public Safety Committee meeting, UTSA will provide a Year 2 mid-year update on the results of the San Antonio Violent Crime Reduction Plan through Period 9 of the hot spot policing and initiate a report on the first POPBP site which is the second phase of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan. Each period consists of 60-day treatments; Period 1 concluded on February 28, 2023, Period 2 concluded on April 30, 2023, Period 3 concluded on June 30, 2023, Period 4 concluded on August 31, 2023, Period 5 concluded on October 31, 2023, Period 6 concluded on December 31, 2023, Period 7 concluded on February 29, 2024, Period 8 concluded on April 30, 2024, and Period 9 concluded on June 30, 2024.

ISSUE:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will present the Public Safety Committee crime statistics for the period of January 2024 to August 2024 and in collaboration with UTSA an update of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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