



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

UTSA Violent Crime Reduction Plan

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Police Department and the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) will provide a briefing to City Council on the implementation of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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 first phase of implementation consisting of hot spot policing to reduce violent crime in the City's most violence-prone areas has begun. At the February 1 "B" Session, UTSA will provide

an overview of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan to include an implementation timeline and approach to evaluating the impact of the recommended strategies. The plan is a three-pronged approach which consists of hot spot policing, problem-oriented place-based policing (POPBP), and focused deterrence.

Community input and participation from a variety of stakeholders such as City Departments, neighborhood organizations, the business community, schools, and non-profit organizations will be integral to the success of each phase of the Violent Crime Plan.

As part of the evaluation process, the SAPD and UTSA will review the results of the plan every 60-90 days and will provide quarterly updates to the Public Safety Committee.

In addition to the development of the Violent Crime Reduction Plan, UTSA is also assisting with the following public safety-related projects:

- **Neighborhood Safety Program Assessment** which includes a comprehensive literature review of City of San Antonio programs that may impact public safety and recommendations for future public safety program evaluations. The assessment is scheduled to be completed in May 2023.
- **Case Processing Evaluation and Analysis** to determine how criminal case processing may impact public safety. Analysis will be completed on a large sample of criminal cases from arrest through final disposition. The evaluation and analysis is scheduled to be completed in July 2024.

ISSUE:

Briefing on the implementation of a Violent Crime Reduction Plan by the San Antonio Police Department in collaboration with UTSA.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposed only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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