

PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BACKGROUNDER

- On February 9, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order directing the Department of Justice to “take the lead on Federal actions to support law enforcement efforts nationwide and to collaborate with State, tribal, and local jurisdictions to restore public safety to all of our communities.”
- As part of the directive, the Department of Justice set up Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety. One of the key programs designed by the Task Force is the newly announced Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program.
- PSP is designed to leverage the multidisciplinary expertise of practitioners throughout the Department, in conjunction with experienced consultants and a full array of training and technical assistance providers, to help law enforcement agencies in these locations enhance their capacity to address violent crime in their communities.
- Experience has shown that spikes in violent crime are driven by unique local factors. Moreover, cities experiencing such increases have differing resources and capabilities to address the driving factors. Because of this, PSP was designed to provide two complementary but separate levels of assistance – Diagnostics Teams and Operations Teams – tailored to the needs of a community that desires capacity-building assistance.
- ***PSP Diagnostic Teams*** focus on assessment and strategy development with the goal of helping the location develop tools to diagnose and address dynamic violent crime issues.
 - These teams work with selected jurisdictions to assess and evaluate violent crime and gun crime issues that are affecting the community.
 - Based upon those assessments, Diagnostic Teams then assist local officials with the development of a local working group to support violence reduction efforts and a violence reduction plan. This plan consists of site-specific recommendations that are designed to target the particular crime issues local law enforcement and prosecutors want to address.
- ***PSP Operations Teams*** partner directly with federal, state, local, and tribal officials to strategically address endemic violent crime issues.
 - Sites that have been selected for Operations Team support receive intensive training and coaching over a three-year period that is designed to equip localities with the ability to establish a lasting coordination structure among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors’ offices.
 - Support offered through the Operations Teams is designed to enhance a location’s ability to develop tailored, intelligence-driven enforcement strategies for short-

and long-term violent crime reduction and set measurable goals to assess the effectiveness of their crime reduction efforts.

- Typically, Operations Team activities involve, among other things, increased collaboration across law enforcement, prosecutors, and probation agencies, enhanced crime trend analysis, and comprehensive gun crime intelligence programs.
- Twelve sites have been selected to receive this significant assistance:
 - Birmingham, Alabama
 - Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Memphis, Tennessee
 - Toledo, Ohio
 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 - Buffalo, New York
 - Cincinnati, Ohio
 - Houston, Texas
 - Jackson, Tennessee
 - Kansas City, Missouri
 - Lansing, Michigan
 - Springfield, Illinois

We anticipate announcing additional sites this calendar year.

For more information about the Department of Justice's work to reduce violent crime and enhance public safety:

[Attorney General Announces Crime Reduction and Public Safety Task Force](#)

[Attorney General Sessions Directs Federal Prosecutors to Target Most Significant Violent Offenders](#)

[Attorney General Jeff Sessions Announces New Initiatives to Advance Forensic Science and Help Counter the Rise in Violent Crime](#)

[Attorney General Jeff Sessions Announces New Actions to Support Law Enforcement and Maintain Public Safety in Indian Country](#)

[Department of Justice Releases Report Detailing the Prosecutions of Transnational Criminal Organizations and their Subsidiaries](#)

[Attorney General Sessions Issues Charging and Sentencing Guidelines to Federal Prosecutors](#)