



**City of Dallas**

# **Apartment Community Crime Reduction Initiative**

**Public Safety Committee  
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# Presentation Overview



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# Background/History



- In 2009 City of Dallas started a program specific to crime reduction in apartment communities
  - Mandatory Crime Reduction Program (MCRP)
- MCRP was removed from city code January 1, 2017
  - Algorithm used to designate a property as MCRP became obsolete with the introduction of NIBRS
- Habitual Criminal Property Ordinance (HCP) replaced MCRP in October 2017
  - Since 2017 Twenty-one (21) apartment communities have been designated as HCP



# Purpose



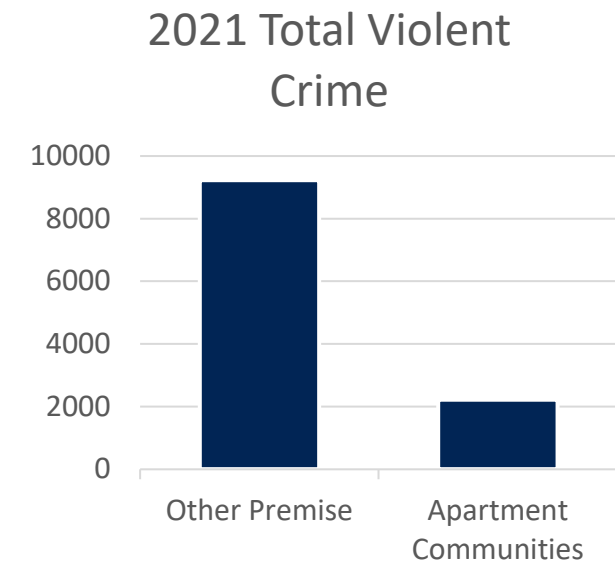
- Develop a voluntary program within DPD outside of HCP that will collaborate with city departments and community partners to reduce the number of violent crime victims
- Implement viable safety solutions to improve quality of life within apartment communities
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
  - Training Opportunities for Managers, Staff and Developers
  - Vertical Prosecution



# Issues and Operational Concerns



- Out of the current 47 DPD Violent Crime Grids, 26 consist of apartment communities
- Violent Crime Reduction Plan statistics reveal apartment communities contribute to a large percentage of violent crime victims in the City of Dallas
- In 2021 Apartment Communities accounted for 19% of total violent crime.



# Current Operational Actions



- Apartment Communities located in the target Grids receive two types of treatment
  - High visibility
    - Officers remain in area for periods of time with emergency lights activated
  - Offender Focused
    - Strategic focus on repeat offenders
- A Grid comparison for the first two months of 2021 vs 2022 shows a 26% reduction in Murders, Aggravated Assaults NFV and Robberies



# Proposed Action – SARA Model



- S.A.R.A. Model
  - Scan: Identify and prioritize problems
  - Analyze: Identify the root cause
  - Response: Implement a tailored response
  - Assess: Evaluate the impact of the response



# Proposed Action – SARA Model



- Collaborate with the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions as briefed last month.
- DPD will create a uniformed team to be the liaison to OIPSS and utilize the S.A.R.A Model to reduce the number of crime victims
  - Decision-making model incorporating analysis and research, tailoring solutions to problems and evaluating their effectiveness
- S.A.R.A. is beneficial for community engagement with our stakeholders





# Proposed Action



- To foster a relationship of trust between the community and police the Community Operations Division will host regular engagements tailored specifically to the apartment community
  - Crime watch meetings
  - Youth Engagements
  - Apartment Community Walks
  - Community Conversations with Police
- Nuisance Abatement Detectives will respond to high profile incidents as they occur in the identified communities.
  - Conduct a scene survey of environmental conditions
  - Follow-up with internal and external partners



# Proactive Approach



- Interfacing with other city departments, Internal and External partners
- Devoting a team to focus on apartment complexes and work in concert with the OIPSS.
- Force Multiplier layer to continue reduction in apartment communities as we make Dallas safer
- Utilizing a professionally and Academically accepted model for problem solving



# Next Steps - Implementation



- Identify the apartment communities for treatment
- Identify a full-time uniformed team
- Report findings
  - Review the data, solicit input, make adjustments
- Measuring Success
  - Reduction of crime, reduction in call load, positive community feedback
- Evaluate possible changes to the city code which would benefit crime reduction strategies.





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