

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

LC 23-01

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans experienced 265 homicides in 2022, which was also the leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 major cities across the nation experienced an increase in violent crime and a reduction in available law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, as an international and world-class destination, the City of New Orleans must ready every available resource across all levels of government to curb the frequency of incidents of violence; and

WHEREAS, 2023 has been met with a significant increase in violent crime deaths over prior year and must be treated as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, government must take a comprehensive, holistic, and urgent approach to adequately prevent and respond to acts of violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LaTOYA CANTRELL, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of New Orleans, by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, and the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, **HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS**:

1. Effective Date

This Executive Order is effective upon the date of its issuance.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Executive Order is the creation of the Violent Crime Reduction Taskforce led by the Executive Director of the Orleans Parish Communication District.

3. Membership

Executive Director, Orleans Parish Communication District
Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Coordination
Superintendent, New Orleans Police Department
Director, New Orleans Health Department
Director, Mayor's Office of Gun Violence Prevention
Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security, City of New Orleans
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Business and External Services
Director, Mayor's Office of Youth and Families
President, Orleans Parish School Board
District Attorney Jason Williams
Hon. Robin Pittman, Chief Judge, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court

Hon. Ranord Darensburg, Chief Judge, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
Director, Mayor's Office of Communications
Consulting Chief Operating Officer, New Orleans Police Department

4. Task Force Authority

The violent crime reduction task force shall be responsible for developing strategies coordinated amongst all government and community stakeholders for the prevention of violent crime, the apprehension of violent offenders, and ensure comprehensive wrap-around services for provided to those impacted by incidents of violence. The task force will brief the Mayor and city leaders on actions taken by the task force as well as present recommendations for changes to policy, legislation and other actions to be taken by governmental entities at both the local, state and federal level. The task force shall ensure members of the New Orleans City Council are engaged regularly and provide public updates as necessary.

5. Duration

This executive order shall remain in effect until amended or suspended by a subsequent order approved in accordance with Section 4-206 (3)(c) of the Charter.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023, AT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.**

**LaToya Cantrell, Mayor
City of New Orleans**