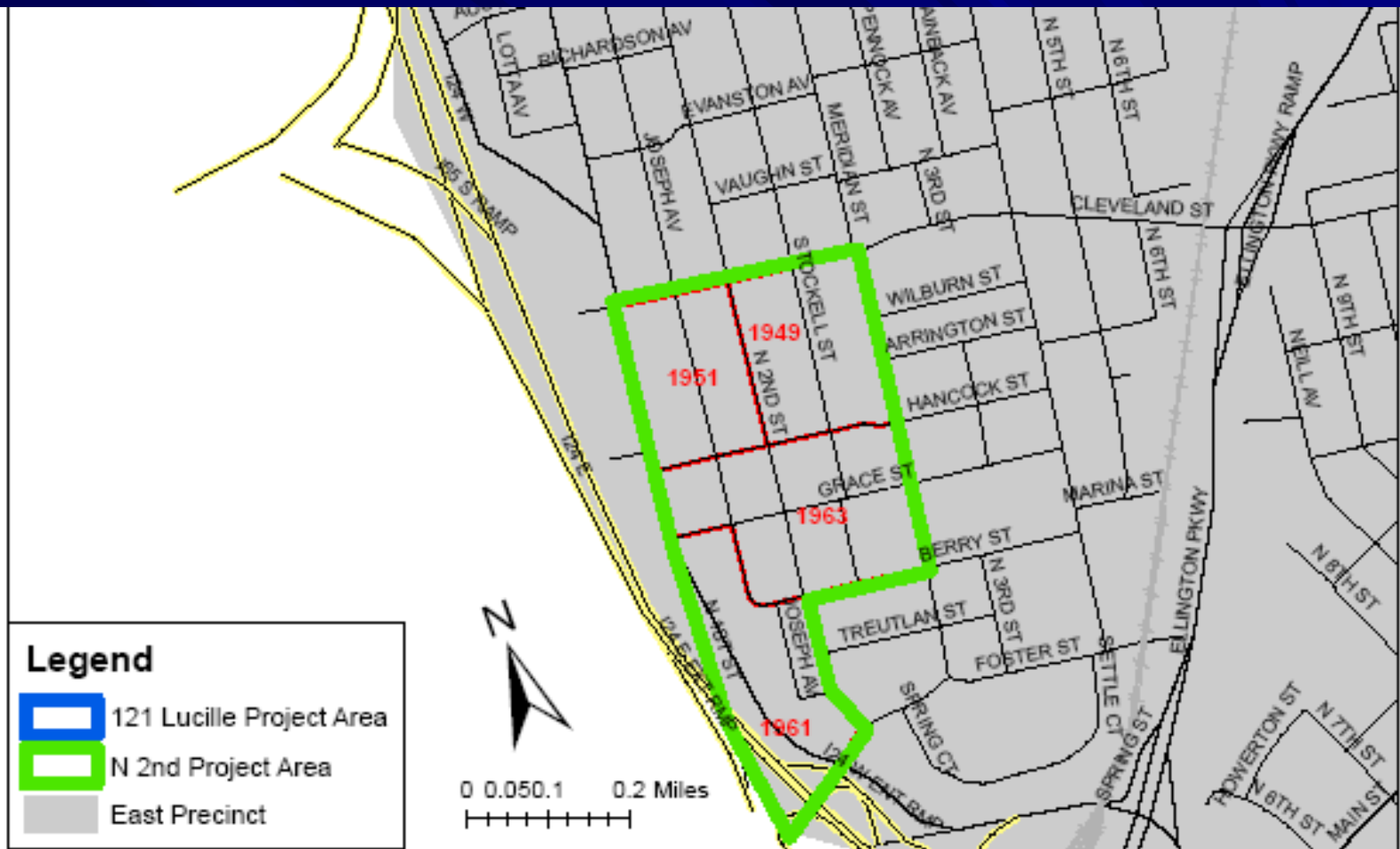


East Nashville Intervention Project

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The Problem

- The 800 block of N. 2nd St. was a long entrenched open air drug market
- This is a transitional neighborhood.
 - Rental Properties
 - Some scattered sight Sec. 8 housing
 - Older homes being remodeled
 - New residents moving in and revitalizing the area
 - Demanding an end to the drug dealing



East Precinct, 121 Lucille and N 2nd Project Areas

Problem - Calls for Service

Year	800 Block N. 2 nd St.	800 Block Stockell St.
2006	872	82
2007	1091	72
2008 thru 6/23	255	52

These two streets provide a good basis for comparison and some appreciation of the scope of the problem. Stockell St. is a parallel street one block east of N. 2nd.

Preparation

- Obtaining support and approval from the Chief of Police
- Obtaining buy-in from Precinct personnel.
- Going public – explaining the concept to community stakeholders – residents, area neighborhood and business groups.
- Informing the faith and treatment community about the concept and developing a coalition.

Preparation (cont')

- Informing the rest of the Criminal Justice Community and City Administration getting buy-in
 - District Attorney
 - Public Defender
 - General Session and Criminal Courts
 - Mayor's Office
 - Sheriff's Department

The Law Enforcement Branch

- The easy part – this is what we do.
- Over a period of months the East Precinct Crime Suppression Unit made undercover buys resulting in:
 - 55 cases prepared against
 - 26 defendants
- All the buys were filmed –
 - Terrific evidence
 - Provide great tool for informing citizen groups about the dynamics of street level drug dealing.

The Intervention Transition

- At the time arrest sweep was conducted, the East Precinct had already met with area treatment providers and members of the faith community on 3 separate occasions informing them of our intent to replicate the High Point West End Project and recruiting partners.
 - Sought assistance from area faith leaders and leaders of treatment coalitions to get the word out.
 - The project was well received. We were very fortunate to get active partners involved.

The Intervention Transition

- Who goes to intervention and how many?
 - Treatment providers want to know how many people will be referred to them and what their needs are.
 - East Precinct could only provide that information toward the end of the law enforcement phase.
 - The District Attorney's Office assigned a single prosecutor to work these cases. That prosecutor, working with investigators, made the final recommendations in regard to who faced prosecution and who was offered intervention.

The Intervention Transition (cont')

- East officers began the process of meeting with families and completed briefs on each person slated for prosecution.
- A meeting of the treatment providers was called and they were provided with these briefs.
- The providers then did follow-up visits with family members of the intervention candidates and assisted in encouraging them to attend the call-in session.

Outcomes

- On March 17, 2008, 18 persons were served with sealed indictments for drug trafficking. 2 others were served at a later date.
- On March 24, 2008, 5 candidates were called in for intervention.
- 1 candidate re-offended the following weekend and was indicted.
- 1 additional candidate was called in for an intervention on a later date

Outcomes (Cont')

- Calls for service in the 2 reporting areas immediately adjacent to N. 2nd have dropped 46.3%.
- Charges related to Drug equipment, Drug/Narcotic and Prostitution Arrests have dropped 88.4%
- 5 out of the 6 intervention candidates have continued to stay out of trouble.
- UCR Part 1 crimes have remained somewhat constant when comparing 2007 and 2008 data. However, 2008 violent crime remains significantly lower than in 2006, prior precinct's more focused efforts in the area.

Sustaining our Gains

- Continued monitoring of the immediate treatment area and adjacent problem spots for emerging drug trafficking.
 - Efficient follow-up on citizen complaints
 - Encourage continued empowerment and ownership on the part of area residents.
 - Aggressive and proactive enforcement
- Continued monitoring of our intervention candidates

Calls For Service (CFS)
 East Precinct, N 2nd Project Area, RPAs 1949 and 1951
 March 17 through June 17, Years 2006 through 2008

Calls for Service Description			% Change		
	2006	2007	2006 to 2007	2008	2007 to 2008
BURGLARY - NON-RESIDENCE	2	4	100.0%	1	-75.0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	7	15	114.3%	5	-66.7%
BUSINESS CHECK	4	4	0.0%		-100.0%
COMMUNITY POLICING	3	1	-66.7%	1	0.0%
CRIMINAL VICE ACTIVITY	52	50	-3.8%	4	-92.0%
CUTTING/STABBING				1	NC
DANGEROUS/INJURED ANIMAL	1	3	200.0%	3	0.0%
DISORDERLY PERSON	16	22	37.5%	18	-18.2%
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	5	9	80.0%	10	11.1%
EXPLOSION		1	NC		-100.0%
FIGHT/ASSAULT	1	10	900.0%	4	-60.0%
FIXED POST		3	NC		-100.0%
GANG ACTIVITY		1	NC		-100.0%
HOLDUP/ROBBERY				1	NC
INTOXICATED PERSON				5	NC
INVESTIGATE 911 HANG-UP CALL	4	3	-25.0%	1	-66.7%
MENTALLY ILL PERSON	1	2	100.0%		-100.0%
MISSING PERSON		9	NC	2	-77.8%
PERSON INDECENTLY EXPOSED	1		-100.0%		
PERSON WITH WEAPON	3	6	100.0%	3	-50.0%
PROWLER	1	1	0.0%		-100.0%
SAFETY HAZARD	1	1	0.0%		-100.0%
SHOOTING				1	NC
SHOTS FIRED	5	2	-60.0%	5	150.0%
SUICIDAL PERSON	1		-100.0%	1	NC
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	8	6	-25.0%		-100.0%
THEFT	13	9	-30.8%	18	100.0%
TRAFFIC VIOLATION		1	NC		-100.0%
VEHICLE ACCIDENT - PERSONAL INJURY	2		-100.0%		
VEHICLE ACCIDENT - PROPERTY DAMAGE	2	5	150.0%		-100.0%
WANT OFFICER FOR INVESTIGATION/ASSISTANCE	20	33	65.0%	24	-27.3%
Total CFS	153	201	31.4%	108	-46.3%

Drug Equipment, Drugs/Narcotics, and Prostitution Charges
 East Precinct, N 2nd Project Area, RPAs 1949 and 1951
 March 17 through June 17, Years 2006 through 2008

Charge Description	% Change			% Change	
	2006	2007	2006 to 2007	2008	2007 to 2008
Drug Equipment	17	24	41.2%	1	-95.8%
Drugs/Narcotics	24	41	70.8%	6	-85.4%
Prostitution	2	4	100.0%	1	-75.0%
Total	43	69	60.5%	8	-88.4%

UCR Part I Offenses

East Precinct, N 2nd Project Area, RPAs 1949 and 1951

March 17 through June 17, Years 2006 through 2008

UCR Description	2006	2007	% Change 2006 to 2007	2008	% Change 2007 to 2008
Homicide					
Forcible Rape				1	NC
Commercial Robbery					
Street Robbery	2	1	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Total Robbery	2	1	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Aggravated Assault	8	1	-87.5%	2	100.0%
Commercial Burglary					
Residential Burglary	3	4	33.3%		-100.0%
Total Burglary	3	4	33.3%		-100.0%
Larceny	7	9	28.6%	13	44.4%
Auto Theft	1	2	100.0%	2	0.0%
Violent Offenses	10	2	-80.0%	4	100.0%
Property Offenses	11	15	36.4%	15	0.0%
Total Offenses	21	17	-19.0%	19	11.8%

Some Key Elements

- Patience and holding all the offenders accountable at one time, either through arrest or intervention, is a key element.
 - Safer for officers – less chance of confrontations than traditional buy-bust operations
 - Less disruption to the peace of the community
 - Gives the community some breathing room and greater ability to become empowered and take back their community. The community sees a real difference “overnight.”

Key Elements- cont'

- Encourages the community to be a part of the solution.
- Sends a message to the community that the police department appreciates the complexities of drug addiction and trafficking and recognizes that arrest and incarceration alone will not solve the problem.

Additional Information

- A detailed process and impact assessment of the Nashville strategy is available in Corsaro, Brunson, & McGarrell (forthcoming)