

ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Crime Reduction Strategy (Summary)

2013-14

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Introduction

The two main areas of focus of the 2013-14 crime reduction strategy of the Rochester Police Department will be firearm violence and burglary. This remains consistent with last year's strategy as the city continues to experience a high number of shooting victims and elevated levels of burglary relative to longer-term trends.

Firearm Violence Strategy (Goal – 10% reduction from prior year)

The firearm violence strategy will address the following:

1. Long-term firearm violence hotspots
2. Response to firearm violence spikes and patterns
3. Intervention and prevention of acts of retaliatory violence
4. Targeted response to firearm violence associated with gang and/or narcotics activity

Specific tactics will be utilized to address these key points as follows:

Long-Term Firearm Violence Hotspots

In focused areas, RPD will conduct an array of special firearm prevention tactics including:

- *Social Media-Based House Party Details*
- *"Safekeeping" Details*
- *Parental Consent Searches for Firearms*
- *Police Assistance with Crime Gun Testing at Monroe County Crime Lab*
- *Targeted Offender Details*
- *Police support of Probation and Parolee resident searches*
- *Analysis-Driven Targeted Patrols of Firearm Violence Hotspots*
- *Shotspotter "Rapid Response" Details*

Response to Firearm Violence Spikes/Patterns

To address firearm violence spikes and patterns, RPD will employ the following place-based, offender-based, and community outreach tactics:

Place-Based:

- *Multi-unit teams (bike, horse, car, and/or foot) patrolling current firearm hotspots*
- *Joint Patrols (IMPACT) with NYSP and MCSO*
- *Roadblocks/Checkpoints*
- *Knock and Talks*
- *Quality of Life Enforcement (Moving groups, disorder, noise, house parties)*
- *Traffic Details (Aggressive Driving, DWI)*

- *Camera Deployments in hotspots (covert, over, mobile trailer cameras)*

Offender-Based

- *Targeted Offender Details*
- *Assist on Probation and Parole home checks of known offenders*
- *Wanted/Warrant persons details*
- *Monitoring social media for threats or potential violent disputes*

Community Engagement

- *Police-initiated community meetings in all four city quadrants*
- *Increased use of reverse 911 system to notify residents of emerging problems and to solicit tips on crimes occurring in their neighborhood*
- *Promoting 428-GUNS tip line for information on possessors of illegal firearms*
- *Planning gun buyback program for summer*
- *Seek additional assistance from Crimestoppers*
- *Community appeal to assist with guns and dispute intervention*
- *Development of neighborhood watch groups and citizen patrols in firearm violence hotspots*

Violent Retaliatory Disputes

RPD and its law enforcement partners will assemble teams and details to intervene in disputes before any further acts of violence can occur. The details will be responsible for:

- *Individual-level surveillance/investigative details intended to target disputants involved in other types of illegal activity*
- *Probation/Parole home visits and searches (where applicable) of key disputants*
- *“Knock and Talks” with disputants*
- *Street Outreach intervention (coordination with local street Outreach team “Pathways to Peace”)*
- *Directed patrol to disputants’ home addresses and/or known hangouts*
- *Executing any and all warrant and wanted packages on disputants or associates*

In addition, throughout the year RPD will be participating in the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s “Smart Policing” grant program that has three main objectives:

1. *To improve understanding about the scope and nature of retaliatory firearm violence*
2. *To formalize a method to assess and prioritize disputes at risk for retaliatory firearm violence*
3. *To create and test a violent retaliatory dispute intervention strategy*

Violence related to Gang and/or Narcotics Activity

Narcotics enforcement is prioritized as it relates to firearms violence and gang activity, and may consist of one or more of the following activities/tactics:

- *Triage complaints at SIS for appropriate follow up (SIS, Patrol, NSC)*
- *Problem location identification*
- *Problem person identification*
- *Patrol and NSC follow up on location, deterrence, landlords, etc*
- *Undercover operations*
- *Confidential informant operations*
- *Execution of search warrants*
- *Buyer reduction details*
- *Long term narcotics and/or conspiracy investigations*
- *Assistance with other major criminal investigations*
- *Firearms investigations with the Firearms Suppression Unit (includes ATF)*
- *GRANET investigations (includes DEA, MCSO, Town PD's, Border Patrol and National Guard)*
- *Major narcotics rings or violent groups with a nexus to drug sales*
- *Gang Enforcement Initiative*

Burglary Strategy (Goal – 10% reduction from prior year)

The burglary strategy will address the following:

1. *Deterrence of related activity in geographic hotspots*
2. *Incarceration and/or deterrence of known burglars*
3. *Targeting illegal fences of stolen goods, to include those tied to pawn businesses*
4. *Targeting sales of scrap metal obtained from burglary activity*

Specific tactics will be utilized to address these key points as follows:

- *Burglary pattern identification*
- *Identification of problem pawn shops, scrap yards, pawners, and scrappers with a electronic reporting system for pawn/scrap transactions*
- *Identification of problem offenders*
- *Identification of problem truants*
- *Strategic research and evaluation support from Rochester Institute Of Technology (RIT)*
- *Jail de-briefings of burglars, suspicious pawners/scrappers, suspected fences*
- *Phone call monitoring of burglars, suspicious pawners/scrappers, suspected fences*
- *Coordinate targeted intelligence-gathering efforts for special burglary details/investigations*
- *Analysis-driven patrols of burglary hotspots*
- *Pawn shop/scrap yard surveillance details*
- *Data-driven license/permit checks on pawn shops, scrap yards, and other businesses suspected of stolen property transactions*
- *Probation and parole residence and curfew checks of known burglars*
- *Enhance burglary investigations through DNA and fingerprinting*
- *Burglary problem teams*
- *Deployment of anti-burglary sensor alarm kits*
- *Targeted truancy details*
- *Community notification/engagement details (door-to-door crime prevention) and use of hyper-reach*
- *Development of neighborhood watch groups and citizen patrols in burglary hotspots*