

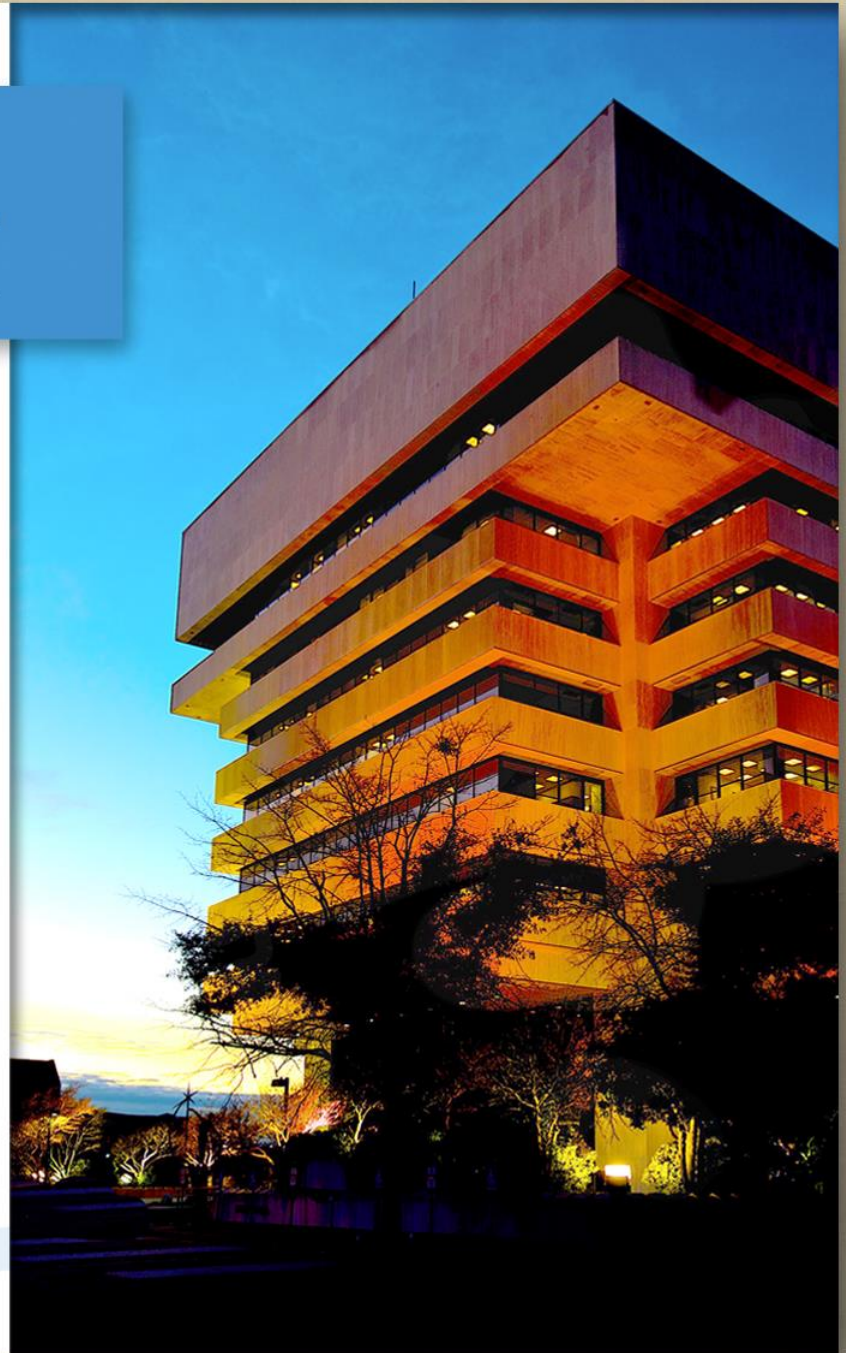
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Hampton Police Division



Update on City's Approach to Crime & Youth Violence Prevention

January 11, 2017



Introduction

2016 saw an increase in violent crimes throughout the region – Hampton was no exception

- The increase in crime is alarming & warrants our full & undivided attention, however;



- The Hampton Police Division is committed to doing everything we responsibly can in collaboration with the larger local government entities to combat this violent crime issue

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- Generally, victims & perpetrators of these crimes are known to one another and/or are involved in illicit activities such as gangs, drugs, & illegal gun use



- Efforts to stop violent crime from occurring in our city require collaboration & partnership across all levels of society: the police department and other local government entities, community and faith-based leaders, schools, and citizens.

Police and Government Cannot Do It Alone

Update on HPD Gun Task Force

HPD implemented a new Gun Crime Task Force as of November 12, 2016

- Too many illegal guns remain on the street
- ***Do A Gun Crime – Do Time***
- Doubling Officers on Gun Crime Task Force



HPD Manning

- Community Engagement Requires Officer Time
- In December 2016, HPD graduated 17 new officers
- Due to a successful COPS grant, 5 new Police Officer positions have been added, totaling 301 sworn positions
- City Manager has committed to try to fund an additional 7 officers in next year's budget
- Goal is to add 5 officers per budget year



Advancing Technology

HPD is researching various technology enhancements focused around surveillance, crime prevention, and suspect apprehension

- Real Time Intel Center
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
- Deployment of Smart Phones to Officers
- Other "Smart Policing" Initiatives



Operation Ceasefire / HUB model

- Comprehensive approach:
 - Prevention
 - Intervention
 - Enforcement
 - Recovery



- HPD is recommending the city adopt a model similar to Operation Ceasefire
 - Successfully implemented in Boston, MA
 - Later deployed to other cities

Operation Ceasefire / HUB model

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- Purpose: to intervene & change behavior, one case at a time
 - Accomplished through meetings between LE, Probation/Parole, Judicial, Mental Health, & Employment Officials with criminal offenders
 - Offer employment, mental health, substance abuse, & other services to help them leave the life of crime

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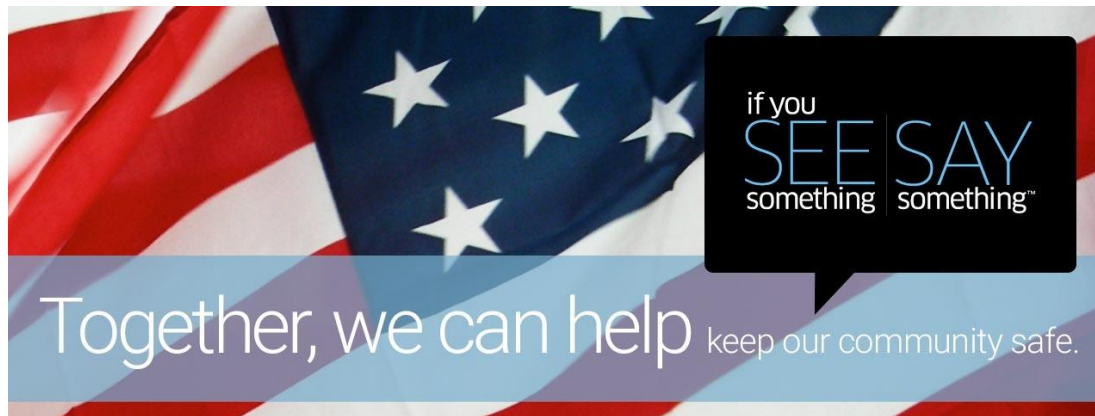
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- Assemble team of similar individuals to focus on criminal offenders whose past indicates they're more likely to commit future crime
- Assist others who voluntarily seek assistance



“All Hands on Deck”

- Encourage city employees deployed within the city to actively report suspicious activity



“Look, Listen, & Report”

Other Resources – Hampton Police Gang Unit

- HPD was one of the earliest agencies in the region to address gang crime
 - ID'd the emergence of gangs & dedicated resources to track activity & help alert larger community to signs of gangs
- Unit conducted over 15 presentations to groups such as neighborhood organizations & PTA's in 2016
- History of Cooperative Investigations, Information Sharing and Prevention Efforts

Other Resources – School Resource Officers

- Established in all City of Hampton middle & high schools
- Help to develop positive relationship with our youth



- Track activities of students both in and out of school
- Powerful line of prevention & intervention

Conclusion

Preventing & Solving Crime is our Top Priority

The City of Hampton overall is a safe city,
The Hampton Police Division **will not rest** until
Gun Crime Offenders are Held Accountable to
the Fullest Extent of the Law

&

True Opportunity for Our Youth is a Reality

