

Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention

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Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)

February 14, 2024



Presentation Overview

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01. Recent Updates

- **Baltimore City Expands GVRs to the Central District and Outlines Next Expansion Steps**
 - Researchers at University of Pennsylvania Announce Preliminary Study Findings Showing GVRs Is Associated With Significant Reductions in Group Violence, Carjackings
- **Launch and Graduation of First Cohort - Urban Conflict Management Program Co-Sponsored by City of Baltimore (MONSE) and the Schaefer Center for Public Policy, UB**
- **MONSE, BPD Announce Third Neighborhood Policing Plan Pilot Community**





02. Safe Streets

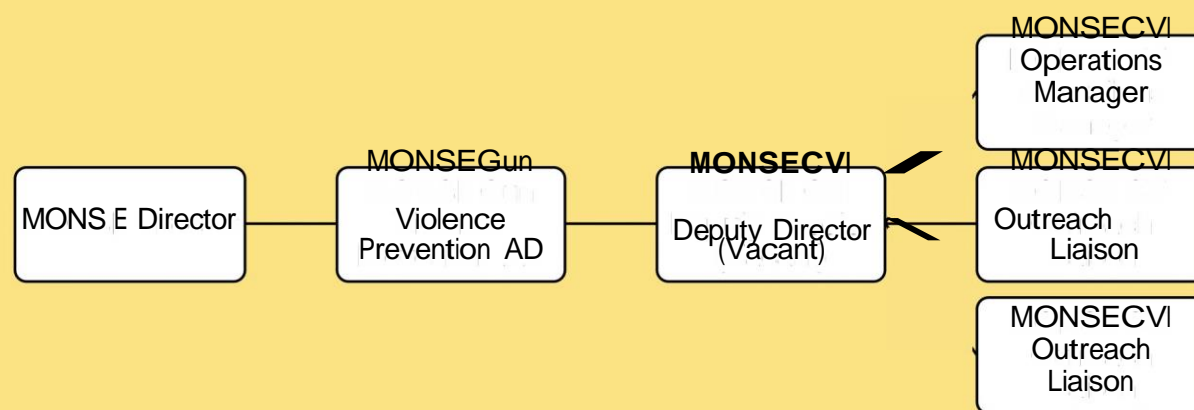
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What is Safe Streets responsible for?

Safe Streets Baltimore is an evidence-based, public health program to reduce gun violence. The program is modeled after the Chicago-based Cure Violence program, which employs violence intervention specialists to mediate brewing conflicts that could result in gun violence. Safe Streets workers focus on community outreach, public education, conflict mediation, and violence interruption within a specific geographic area.



Safe Streets – Structure and Context



MONSE's Role

- Programmatic oversight and strategic alignment
- Direct technical assistance to site staff and CBOs
- Standard operations management and administrative support
- Maintaining integrity of evidence-based CVI model and ensuring regular empirical evaluation

LifeBridge
Health Center
for Hope

Catholic
Charities

Park Heights

Franklin
Square

Woodbourne
McCabe

Belvedere

Belair Edison

McElderry Park

Brooklyn

Cherry Hill

Penn North

Sandtown
Winchester



Safe Streets – Context and History ('21-'23)

January 2021

MONSE's Charge

Mayor tasks MONSE with conducting an **internal evaluation of Safe Streets Baltimore**. This directive is included in the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan, released July 2021.

April 2022

Mayor's CVI Ecosystem Vision

The Mayor and MONSE shares **outcomes of internal evaluation and strategies for strengthening the work**. "Establishing the Ecosystem: A Vision for Community Violence Intervention (CVI) in Baltimore" is available on MONSE's website.

July 2022

Standard Operations Manual Development

MONSE implements SOPs across all ten Safe Streets sites and CVI ecosystem partners, including hospital systems.

January 2023

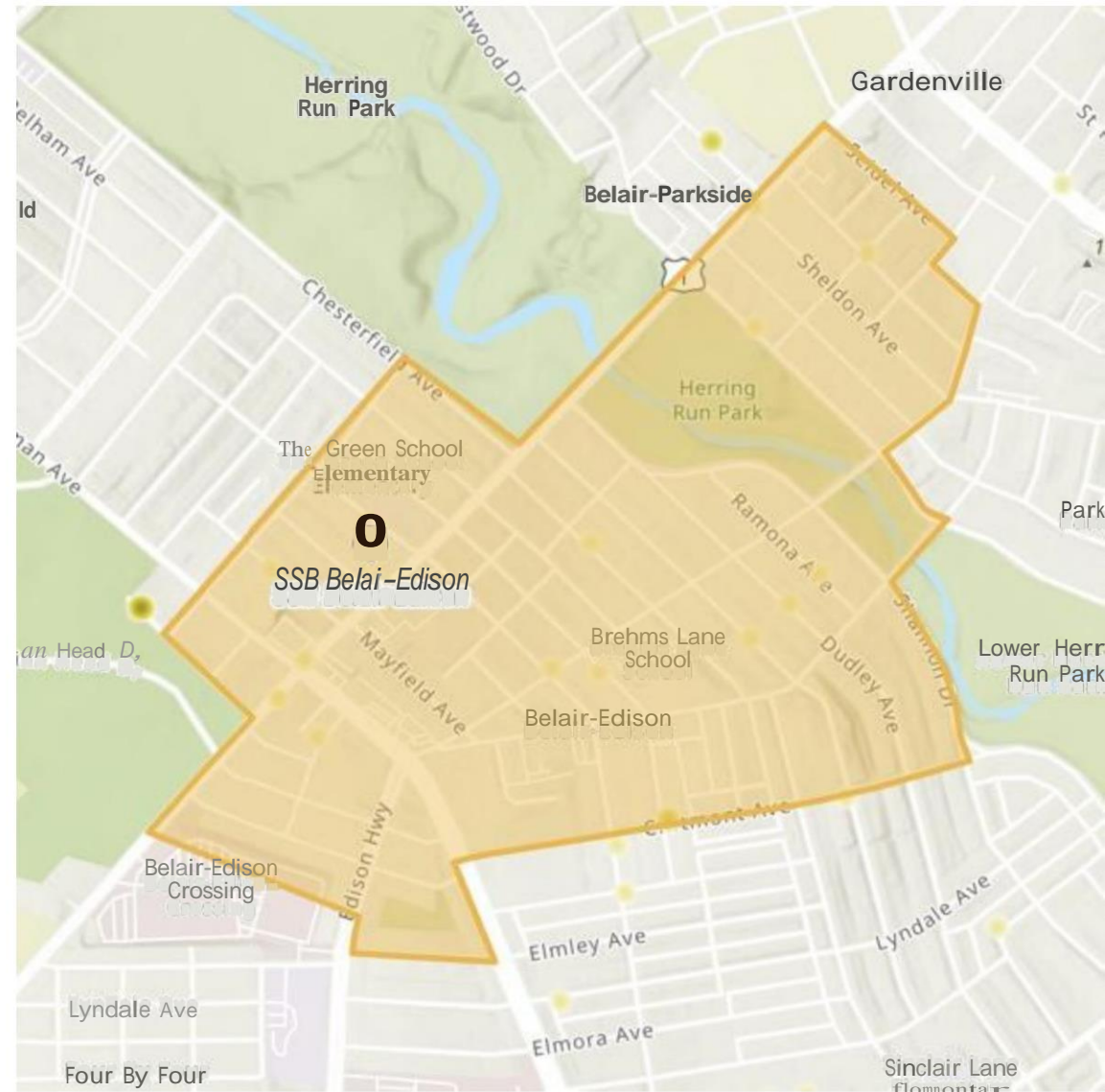
Administrative Site Transitions Complete

Catholic Charities and LBH Center for Hope take on day-to-day administrative operations associated with Safe Streets sites. Catholic Charities administers four sites, while Center for Hope administers six sites.



Belair Edison SSB Update

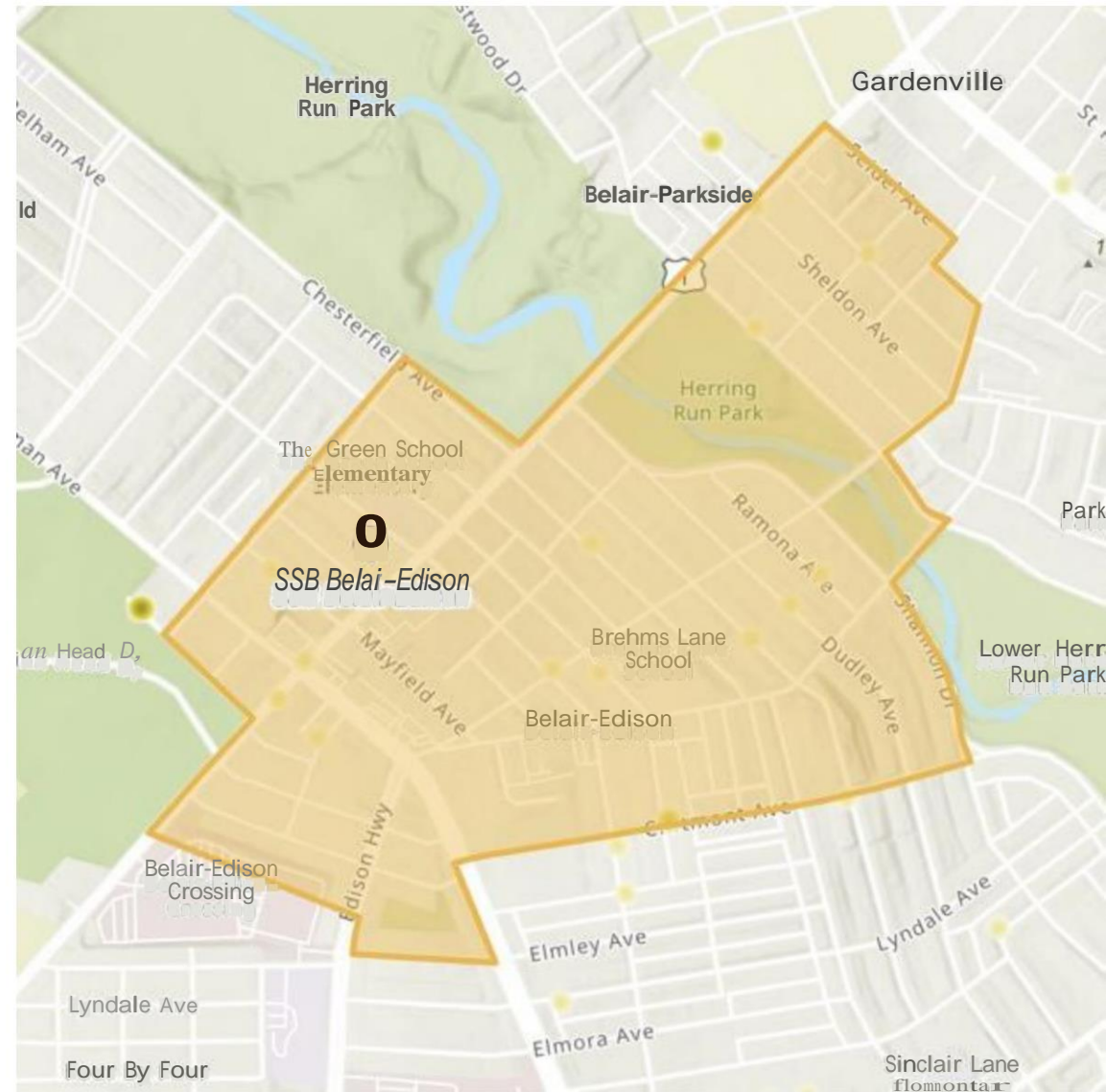
- SSB Belair Edison temporarily inactive, including temporary pause in canvassing
- Pending collaborative reset and rebuild with MONSE, LifeBridge Center for Hope, and key community stakeholders
 - Highest priority in SSB collaborative hiring sprint
- No indication that Safe Streets Baltimore the subject of the investigation.





Belair Edison SSB Update

- During temporary pause in canvassing, priority on community engagement and neighborhood stabilization
 - Activating Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR)
 - LifeBridge Center for Hope – focus on community engagement and presence
- Requirements for re-open determination:
 - Leadership identification and onboarding
 - Safe staffing levels for canvassing



Safe Streets – Hiring/Vacancy Report

Safe Streets Baltimore Vacant Positions Summary (As of February 12, 2024)				
Site Director	Violence Prevention Coordinator	Site Supervisor	Violence Interrupter	Total Vacancies
3	5	2	19	29

MONSE and Safe Streets– Current 10-Site Hiring Push

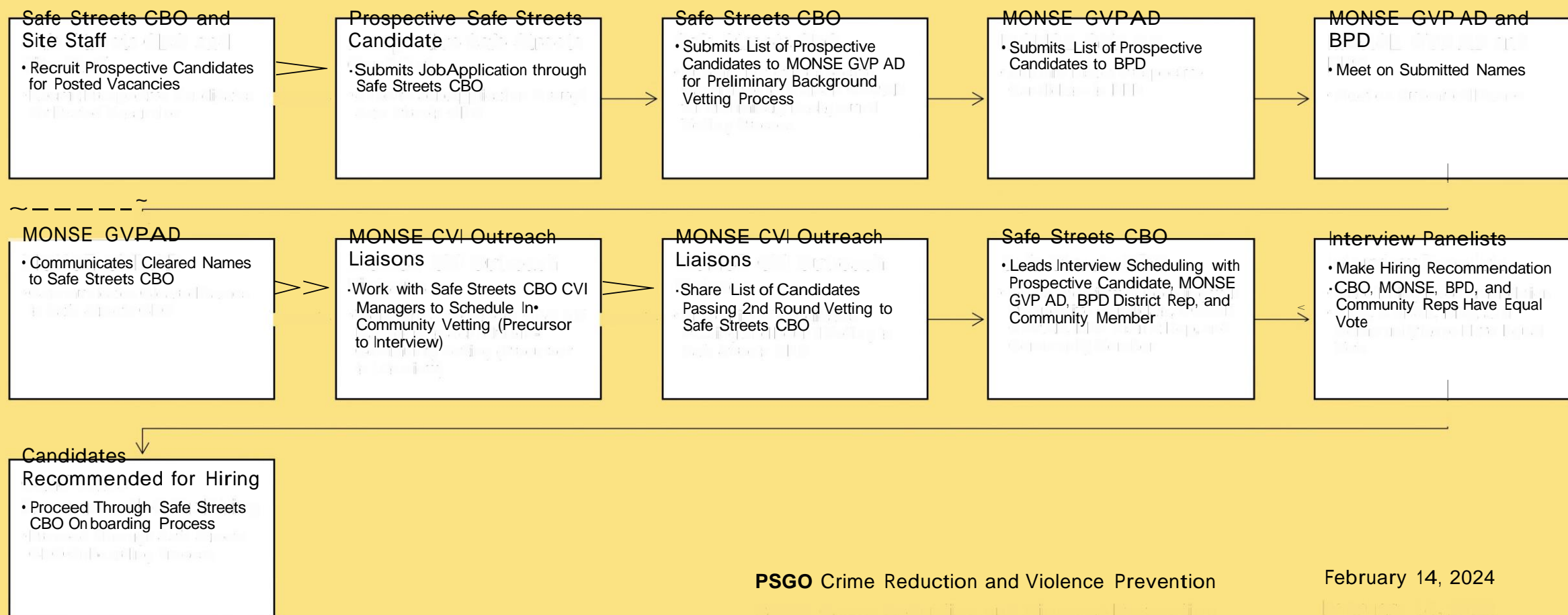
- Process alignment with BPD
- Recruitment, vetting and hiring push through March 31, 2024

Safe Streets – Hiring/Vacancy Report

Safe Streets Baltimore Recruitment & Staffing Summary (From November 28, 2023 - February 12, 2024)						
Applications Submitted to Safe Streets CBO	Candidate Names Submitted by MONSE for BPD Vetting	BPD Cleared	MONSE Vetted	MONSE Cleared	Candidates Interviewed	Candidates Hired
131	128	86	43	9	3	3



Safe Streets – Hiring Process





Data – Outputs and Outcomes

- There were no homicides in any Safe Streets catchment areas during the months of November 2023 and December 2023.
- Safe Streets Penn-North achieved 365 days with no homicides.
- In 2023 Safe Streets staff recorded 1,444 mediations. 110 mediations have been conducted in 2024 through 2/12.



Safe Streets Saw A Drop in Homicides But An Uptick in Shootings And Violent Crime in 2023 v. 2022

(All Catchment Areas Combined)

Measure	2022	2023	% Change
Mediations	2,207	1,444	-35%
Homicide	37	29	-22%
Shooting	84	107	27%
Violent Crime	912	950	4%
Property Crime	1,241	1,731	39%



Homicides and/or Shootings Decreased in 2023 v. 2022 in Belair Edison, Belvedere, Cherry Hill, Park Heights and Penn-North

Homicide		
Safe Streets Site	2022	2023
Belair Edison	5	2
Belvedere	2	1
Brooklyn	5	7
Cherry Hill	7	3
Franklin Square	2	3
McElderry Park	3	3
Park Heights	3	2
Penn-North	4	0
Sandtown-Winchester	3	4
Woodbourne-McCabe	0	3

Shooting		
Safe Streets Site	2022	2023
Belair Edison	14	10
Belvedere	9	3
Brooklyn	12	38
Cherry Hill	9	10
Franklin Square	1	8
McElderry Park	14	14
Park Heights	8	7
Penn-North	6	5
Sandtown-Winchester	5	6
Woodbourne-McCabe	3	6



Homicides and/or Shootings Have Declined in **2024** YTD in Brooklyn, Franklin Square, and Woodbourne-McCabe

Homicide			
Safe Streets Site	2023YTD	2024YTD	P365
Belair Edison	0	2	4
Belvedere	0	0	1
Brooklyn	2	0	3
Cherry Hill	1	1	3
Franklin Square	1	0	2
McElderry Park	0	0	3
Park Heights	0	0	1
Penn-North	0	0	0
Sandtown-Winchester	0	0	4
Woodbourne-McCabe	2	0	1

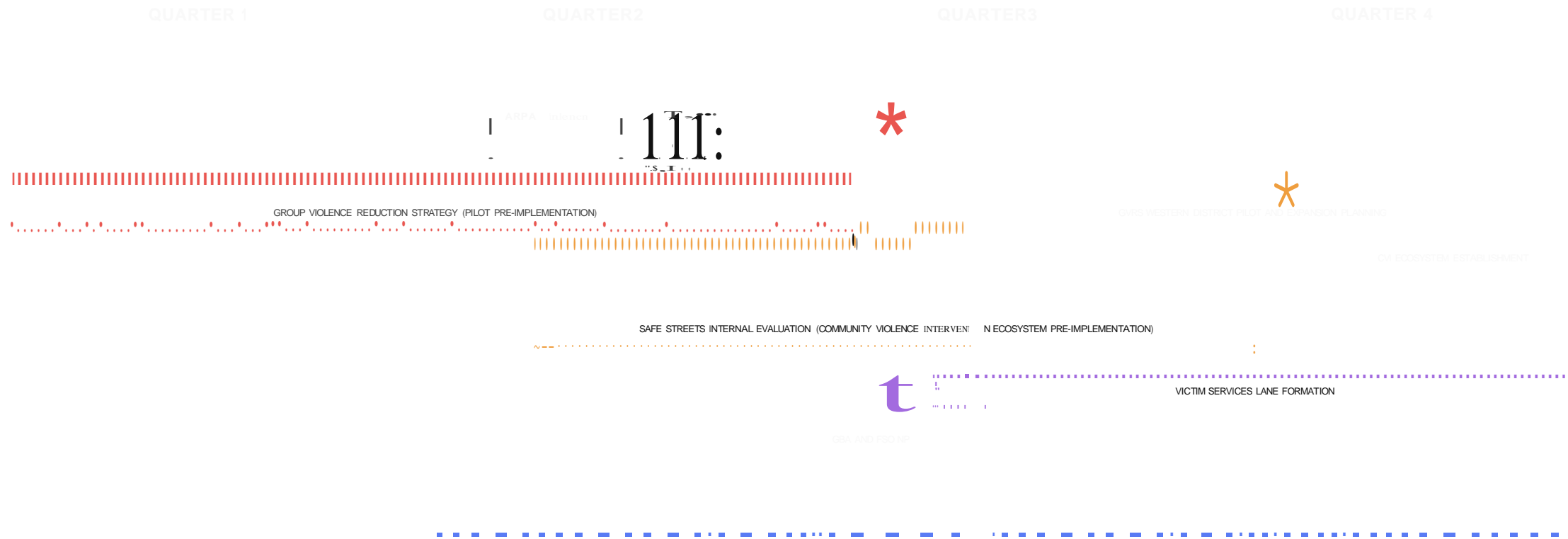
Shooting			
Safe Streets Site	2023YTD	2024 YTD	P365
Belair Edison	1	3	12
Belvedere	0	0	3
Brooklyn	1	0	9
Cherry Hill	1	1	10
Franklin Square	1	0	7
McElderry Park	0	0	14
Park Heights	0	0	7
Penn-North	0	0	5
Sandtown-Winchester	0	0	6
Woodbourne-McCabe	1	1	6

YTD period: 1/1 - 2/12
P365: 2/12/2023 - 2/12/2024

03. Progress Overview

Major Milestones (FY22) Foundational Year.

- MONSE, BPD, and SAO launch Group Violence Reduction Strategy Pilot in the Western District.
- Mayor outlines plan for integrated Baltimore Community Violence Intervention Ecosystem and outcomes of Safe Streets internal evaluation.
- MONSE establishes Victim Services lane.
- MONSE and BPD launch Side Step Pre-Arrest Youth Diversion Pilot in the Western District.
- Mayor re-establishes Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at the municipal level.





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RETURNING CITIZENS BEHIND THE WALL INITIATIVE (MOU DEVELOPMENT AND PRE-IMPLEMENTATION)

CORE AGENCY STAFFING

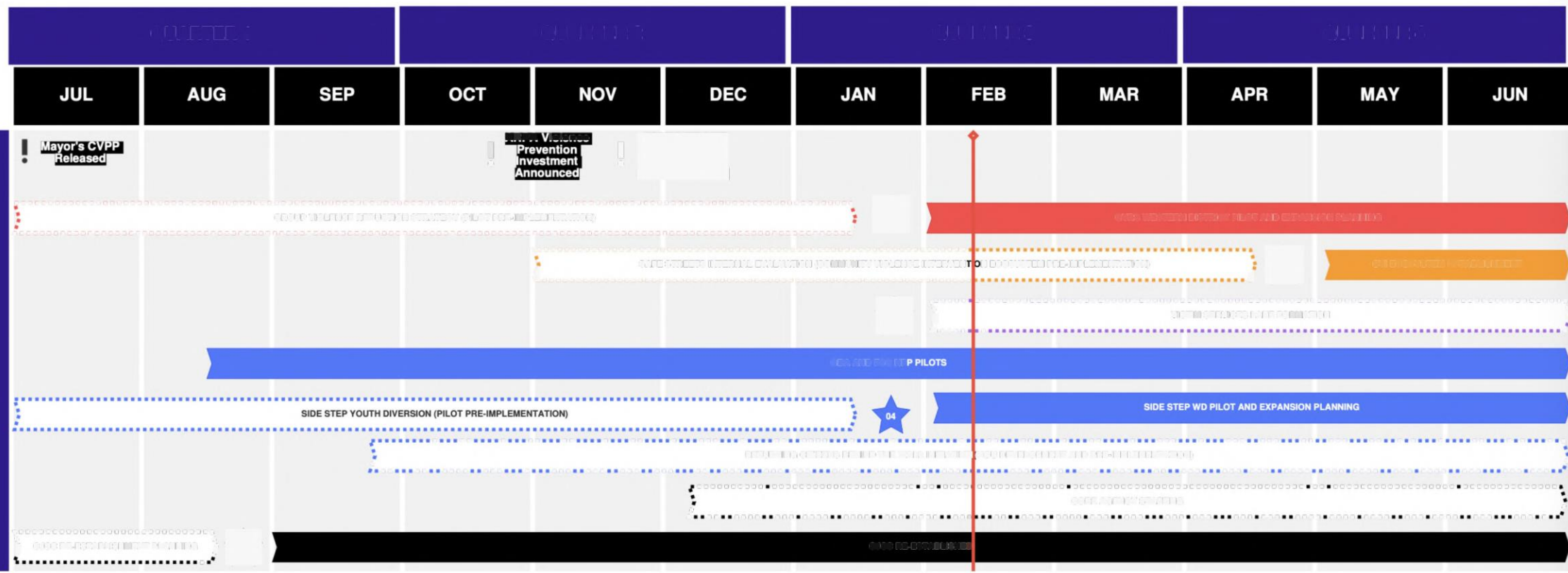
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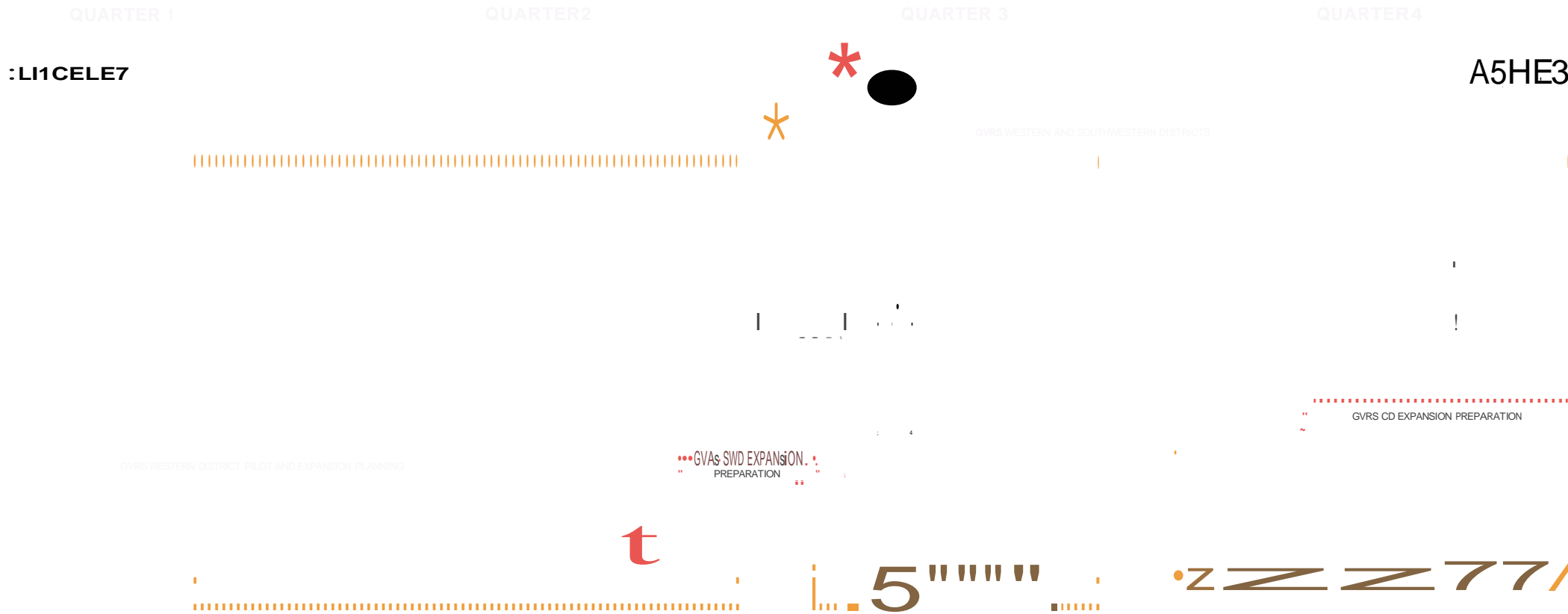
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Major Milestones (FY23) Framing Year.

- Mayor outlines early GVRs pilot results and shares preliminary timeline for citywide expansion.
- Tri-party principals expand GVRs to the Southwestern District.
- MONSE completes Safe Streets administrative transitions and establishes new CVI partnerships.
- Johns Hopkins publishes Safe Streets empirical evaluation.
- MONSE, BPD and community-based partners outline comprehensive victim services goals and plan for reform.
- MONSE Victim Services lane activates central victim services referrals and case management.
- MONSE, DPSCS, MOED and BCRP soft-launch the Returning Citizens Behind the Wall pre-release employment initiative.
- MONSE begins activating Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response protocol reactively and proactively.



(July '22 - June '23)

- Major activities:
 - **Identify** what events and changes will impact business for 2024's expansion

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SAFE STREETS ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION PLANNING

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VIDEO [Watch a video about the new study.](#)

SIDE STEP YOUTH DIVERSION EVALUATION AND EXPANSION PLANNING

RETURNING CITIZENS BEHIND THE WALL INITIATIVE (MOU DEVELOPMENT AND PRE-IMPLEMENTATION)

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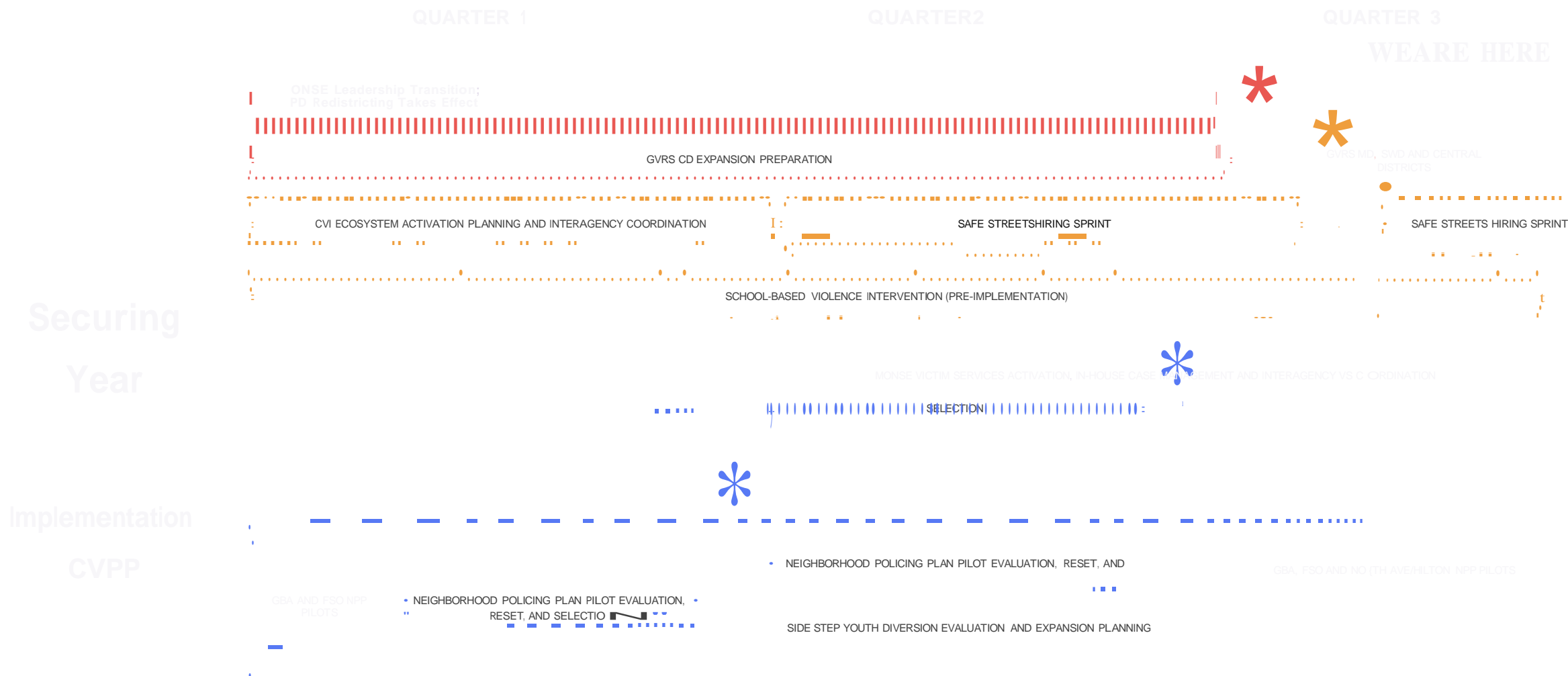
CNSR PRE-
IMPLEMENTATION

CORE AGENCY STAFFING

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT



- UPenn shares findings of empirical evaluation of GVRs pilot and Mayor announces expansion to the Central District.
- MONSE and University of Baltimore launch certification program for Urban Conflict Managers.
- MONSE and BPD Community Collaboration Partners complete selection process for third Neighborhood Policing Plan pilot community.
- MONSE launches third NPP pilot.
- MONSE and MOED resume regular behind the wall visits.
- MONSE leads Brooklyn Homes CNSR following mass shooting.



Major Milestones – To Date (MMSS) Counting Down

- MMSS and University of Baltimore launch pilot program in the Central District
- MMSS and UCB Community Collaborative partners complete school program in the Neighborhood Policing Pilot program
- MMSS launches MMSS pilot
- MMSS and UCB receive regular feedback from the field
- MMSS leads Community Meeting (MMSS) showing mass shooting.

COORDINATED NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION RESPONSE INTERNAL REVIEW AND REALIGNMENT



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Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)

As the agency responsible for the implementation of the City's public health approach to safety through Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan, MONSE partners with Baltimore's residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

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