

09-0130R

**VIOLENT CRIME  
REDUCTION STRATEGY:**

**VIOLENT REPEAT OFFENDER  
PROGRAM**

**Law Enforcement Partners:**

✓ State's Attorney's Office  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Mayor's Office  
Police Department  
Parole and Probation  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms



# ***VIOLENT REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM OVERVIEW***



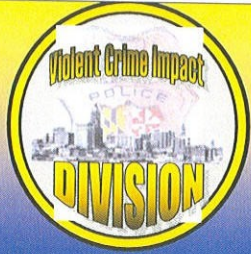




# ***VCID ENFORCEMENT ZONE SELECTION***

District enforcement zones were established by the Baltimore Police Department in 2007 to provide focused enforcement to combat historic violent crime that was occurring within the boundaries of the selected zones. Zones were established in the Eastern District, the Western District and the Northwest District. Violent Crime Impact Division enforcement personnel are focused on violent offenders, organizations and/or activities that promote violence within these zones.





# ***VRO SELECTION PROCESS***

In early 2008, a solid partnership was established with the State's Attorney's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the Department of Parole and Probation and ATF. Violent Repeat Offender (VRO) lists for each of the three districts were created based on identifying violent individuals worthy of intense scrutiny and enhanced prosecution, who live and/or operate within the enforcement zones.



# ***VRO SELECTION PROCESS***

Individuals were selected based on a number of factors that include but are not limited to:

Prior criminal history.

Propensity for violence (Specifically Shootings & Homicides).

Their continued presence cultivates or maintains witness fear and intimidation in their particular neighborhoods.

Criminal organization association.



***PROSECUTION  
STRATEGY***



# ***INCIDENT REVIEW***

- A working group of representatives from the Police Department, U.S. Attorney's Office, State's Attorney's Office, ATF, DPP, and Mayor's Office was created.
- The working group is immediately notified electronically when a VRO is arrested. The State's Attorney's Charging Division provides the charging documents to the Federal and State prosecutors and DPP agents for expedited review.
- The State's Attorney's War Room makes bail recommendations for VRO arrests.
- The working group meets monthly to review investigations and discuss prosecution strategy.



# ***INCIDENT REVIEW***

- Determine the best level of prosecution (i.e. State or Federal) for pending cases
- Review cases setted or dismissed in the State system for federal adoption
- Pursue violations of probation and/or parole revocations by violent offenders
- Pursue bail revocation/review for violent offenders who re-offend while out on bail
- Identify Career Offenders and Armed Career Criminals and discuss investigative strategy
- Provide training on legal issues to Northwest VCID Officers
- Standardize legal documents to assure proper legal sufficiency for both state and federal court
- Continue to develop cases against the most violent offenders



# ***Statistics***

Since 2/1/08:

101 VRO's have been charged with felonies

32 have been charged federally

78 are currently incarcerated

- 30 are in State custody awaiting trial
- 15 are in Federal custody awaiting trial
- 23 are in State prison
- 10 are in Federal prison



# ***PREPARING FOR CALL-IN***

- Held meetings to engage the community
- Identified key service providers, including:
  - STRIVE - job training
  - Prisoner's Aid/FOXO (Project Peace) – comprehensive assistance
  - Goodwill Industries – job training
  - Magna – job training
  - Gaudenzia – drug treatment
- Identified location of Call-In



# ***OUTREACH***

## **Outreach to Invitees and their Families for the Call-In**

- Hand delivered invitations from the Police Commissioner stating that:
  - Police and prosecutors are aware of their violent behavior
  - If they re-offend, their cases will receive priority from Federal and State prosecutors
  - Community and City want invitees to make a different choice
  - Services and support will be offered at Call-In
  - Offender will not be arrested at Call-In
  - Offender should bring a family member or friend to Call-In
- Outreach Worker contacted the invitees and their families in person
- Probation agents notified all invitees on probation/parole and encouraged attendance



# ***THE CALL-IN***

The Park Heights Call-In was held on June 30, 2008 at the Berean Baptist Church.

The Western District Call-In was held on September, 15, 2009 at the First Mount Calvary Baptist Church.



# ***POST CALL-IN***

- Outreach worker followed up with all individuals who attended the Call-In, connecting them to resources and services, and coordinating with service providers and the Mayor's Office to ensure needed services/resources are made available.
- VCID continued intensive enforcement in the target zone.



# ***POST CALL-IN***

Twenty-three men were invited to the Park Heights call-in; thirteen attended.

## Of the Thirteen:

- Seven have taken advantage of one or more of the services offered.
  - Six have participated in career services and/or GED tutoring. One of the five has gotten a full-time job and is attending tutoring twice a week.
  - The sixth completed a 30 day inpatient drug treatment program but has since relapsed.



# ***POST CALL-IN***

Nineteen men were invited to the Western District call-in; six attended.

The outreach is ongoing.

- Four of the six have participated in career services. One of the six has gotten a full-time job.