



**MINNEAPOLIS
PLEDGE TO
REDUCE
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
ANNUAL
UPDATE TO
CITY COUNCIL**

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MINNEAPOLIS PLEDGE TO REDUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- ◉ Adopted by City Council in 2007
 - Domestic violence ... threatens the safety of our families and our communities. ...domestic violence will not be tolerated ... and we pledge to partner with other agencies and groups to provide effective intervention services to reduce the number of domestic related incidents.



OVERVIEW

- ◉ Minneapolis Model:
 - Specialized team - Evidence-based Prosecutions
 - Partnership with Advocates
 - Domestic Violence Court

- ◉ New Initiatives:
 - Federal VAWA Grant
 - Domestic Violence - Violent Crime Hot Spots
 - Humphrey School Research

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS: QUICK FACTS

- ◉ Through June 30, 2014, there were 8159 DV related 911 calls in Minneapolis - if that trend continues, DV related 911 calls would decrease by 7% from 2013
- ◉ Misdemeanor Arrest & Gone-on-Arrival Reports have remained steady in 2013 & 2014
- ◉ MCAO conviction rate for 2014 is 68%

TACTICS IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE DV IN MINNEAPOLIS

- Collaboration within the City & with Community Partners
 - Minneapolis Model for a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence
- Outreach to & Training for Partners
 - MCAO Sponsored Advocate Update
 - Father's Project Training with DAP
 - Cornerhouse
 - Hennepin County MFIP Workers
 - Hennepin County Mental Health Roundtable
 - Hennepin County Attorney's Office Law Clerks
 - New 4th Judicial District Judges
 - Hennepin County Probation



TACTICS IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE DV IN MINNEAPOLIS

- Continued DV training for officers & new recruits
 - 6 sessions for MPD, Metro Transit, & State Patrol Recruits in 2014 -
 - With 1 more set in November for MPD & MSP set for February 2015
 - All MPD officers had Domestic Patrol Response Protocol training recap at In-service
 - All investigators are being trained on DV related gun laws
- DV refresher Training for all 911 Operators & Dispatchers in 2014



2014 OTHER DV ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Misdemeanor DV Patrol Officer Response Protocol
- Protocol first piloted in 2008
- Protocol adopted as official MPD Policy in 2012
- Expanding to include felony level offenses in 2014
 - Victim Supplements revised to include more questions about firearm possession
 - New Protocol cards will be distributed to all Officers
 - New 72 Hour Arrest period for misdemeanor will be highlighted as part of rollout of protocol expansion



2014 OTHER DV ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Coordinated effort between MCAO, MPD, HCAO & Courts to implement new firearms transfer & immediate possession laws effective 8/1/14
 - New Policies & Forms developed for MPD
 - Working with District Court to develop their forms & protocols
- 2013-2014 State Special Projects VAWA grant to enforce DANCOS & investigative in-progress Domestic Cases
 - Increased services for victims
 - Fewer violations of DANCOS in 2014 due to word getting out that we were checking

2014-2016 FEDERAL VAWA GRANT

- ◉ Federal VAWA Grant awarded for 2014 - 2016 to focus on the investigation of misdemeanor & gross misdemeanor gone-on-arrival DV police reports
- ◉ Grant Partners include:
 - City Attorney's Office
 - Hennepin County Attorney's Office - DASC
 - Police Department
 - Domestic Abuse Project
 - Casa de Esperanza
 - Asian Women United of Minnesota
- ◉ With grant funding, an MPD investigator and advocates are available to go out and do follow-up investigation & offer in-person services to victims
 - Previously MPD did not do any follow up investigation on these cases

2014-2016 FEDERAL VAWA GRANT

○ Grant goals:

- Increase the number of cases investigated
- Increase the number of cases charged
- Decrease the time line from the date of offense to case charging
- Decrease the time line from charging to case resolution
- Increase connection between victims & advocates
- Increase services offered to victims
- Increase victim trust in the criminal justice system

2014-2016 FEDERAL VAWA GRANT - INITIAL RESULTS - 6/30/14

- Cases assigned for investigation almost surpassed 2013 total in 1st 6 month
 - 257 assigned in all of 2013
 - 205 assigned in first 6 months
- Cases charged increased by 220%
 - 25 charged in 2013
 - 55 charged in 2014 through June 30
- Average time from case review at DASC to case charging decreased by 52.6%
 - Average time in 2013: 72.88 days
 - Average time in 2014: 34.5 days

2014-2016 FEDERAL VAWA GRANT

INITIAL RESULTS - 6/30/14

- Average time from case charging to case resolution decreased by 53.1%
 - Average time in 2013: 124.5 days
 - Average time in 2014: 58.375 days
- Average time from case review at DASC to case resolution decreased by 49.5%
 - Average time in 2013: 178.56 days
 - Average time in 2014: 90.13 days
- Conviction Rate for DASC cases increases by 7.5%
 - Conviction Rate in 2013: 81%
 - Conviction Rate in 2014: 87%

CASE STUDY FROM GOA GRANT

- A.W. - 38 year old male
- Named in 67 Minneapolis police reports
- First report was when he was age 15
- Reports range from driving violations, narcotics, robbery & domestic assault
- He is an alleged gang member
- He is a convicted drug dealer including serving a 10 year federal prison sentence for drugs
- 4 OFP/HROs have been filed against him
- 8 prior DA reports against previous girlfriend
- only 2 cases charged, both dismissed

CASE STUDY FROM GOA GRANT

- From 11/8/13 to 2/23/14, there were 8 police reports filed involving girlfriend T.J.
- Reports included allegations of:
 - Domestic Assault
 - Damage to Property
 - Robbery
 - Violation of her HRO/OFP
- In all reports he was gone-on-arrival
- No cases were charged until GOA Grant Investigator was assigned one of the cases

CASE STUDY FROM GOA GRANT

- ◉ Grant investigator went and visited victim at work
- ◉ Found new witnesses
- ◉ From those 8 police reports 2 cases were charged
- ◉ GM violation of an order for protection
- ◉ Felony complaint charging
 - 2nd Degree Assault
 - Simple Robbery
 - Stalking-Pattern of Stalking Conduct
 - Terroristic Threats
- ◉ Defendant convicted of Stalking & Terroristic Threats & sentenced to 43 months in prison

CASE STUDY FROM GOA GRANT

- ◉ Domestic Violence is often Cyclical in Families
 - A.W.'s mother was listed as the victim in 9 DV related police reports
 - A.W.'s mother was arrested for DA for assaulting her BF with a knife
- ◉ Criminal Justice/Police Intervention is often Cyclical in Families
 - A.W.'s 15 YO son listed in police reports 11 times since age 5
 - From ages 12-13, he was arrested or cited for a crime 7X (No reports since 9/13)
 - No reports are DV related

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015

- Domestic Violence in Violent Crime Hot Spots
 - Applied for grant to fund police & advocacy response to 911 calls where no police report is generated
 - On-going workgroup meeting to discuss how to address DV in these hot spots
 - Partners include:
 - MPD
 - MCAO
 - Health Department
 - Domestic Abuse Project
 - Will also interact with the BJI Hot Spots grant received by MPD to study violence in certain neighborhoods in North Minneapolis