



**Public Safety and Regulatory Services Presentation
MAY 2, 2007**

Problem

Overall city crime is down in both neighborhoods and downtown. While we are making headway, there are still places where people do not feel safe. Too often people are being intimidated and harassed. This has especially been a problem around our busier bus stops.

YTD Crime

- Citywide Violent Crime is down 16%
- Citywide Part I Crime is down 11%
- Citywide Arrests are up 6%

- 1st Precinct Violent Crime is up 1%
- 1st Precinct Part I Crime is down 10%
- 1st Precinct Arrests are up 10%

- In 2006, 1st Precinct was up 7% in violent crime, up 7% in Part I crime and up 46% in arrests.

City-wide On-Going Initiatives

- Tough and smarter law enforcement – technology, daily briefings, Juvenile Unit, partnerships, etc.
- More officers – focus on “presence and visibility”
- Law Enforcement Partnerships – daily and task forces
- Neighborhood and Community Partnerships
- Youth Violence Prevention Committee
- Community Education/Youth Programs
 - Minneapolis Public Schools
- Youth Programs
 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation
- Youthline (26 Recreation Centers, 9 Parks)
- Other – non-profits, neighborhood organizations

Downtown Livability & Visitor Concerns

- Panhandling
- Loitering
- Open air drug dealing
- Harassment (intimidation)
- E Block, buses and bus stops

Solutions

I am asking for \$750K from the Contingency Fund to target “hot-spots” downtown and neighborhoods. Funds will provide targeted overtime for police presence from now until the end of October.

Solutions Continued

With extra officers downtown, the MPD will take responsibility for 7th Street Bus Stops.

This allows Transit to focus more on security on the buses. They are also adding more officers to policing downtown – full time and overtime.

We have also agreed to raise the level of response for bus calls for MPD police to encourage bus drivers to call for misbehavior on buses.

Solutions Continued

Additional officers downtown will also allow us to not tap precinct officers for weekend nights and special events.

The possible addition of Hennepin County Sheriff deputies downtown would add significant presence and visibility.

That presence, with additional presence by MPD and Transit will make a noticeable difference.

“Visibility = Livability”

What about our new Officers?

We currently have an additional:

- 45 Officers in FTO Training
- 41 Officers in the Academy

The 45 Officers will be available for deployment this summer. The new 41 Officers will be in FTO Training this fall.

Tactics

1. Visibility & Presence – Additional assigned officers, Horse Patrol and beats to *prevent* nuisance issues
2. Aggressive Enforcement – harassment and criminal loitering (narcotics, prostitution)
3. Collaborative Partnerships – Transit and County (Probation and Sheriff Office)
4. Adequate Consequences – City and County Attorney

Arrests alone are not the answer.

2006 Downtown Resources

Addition of \$1.5 Million from June 1-Oct 31st

- Joint Beats:
 - 6-15 additional officers from 7- 6 p.m.
 - 16-18 additional officers from 8-4 a.m.
 - 4 Mounted Patrol officers
- 10 Chief's Beat officers (Fri. & Sat.)
- Other Precinct Response Cars

City Safety Strategy

- Seek funding for increased police presence to replicate 2006 staffing levels. The overtime officers, additional staffing and increased Transit officers will match last years presence.
- Adequately staff downtown on event and weekend evenings without tapping precinct and investigative staffing
- We would like to add additional day and night beats citywide in high density business areas and neighborhoods

2007 Downtown Resources

Requested \$500,000 from June 1 – Oct. 31

- Overtime for downtown beats
 - 4 to 12 additional officers from 7 - 6 p.m.
 - 12 to 14 additional officers from 8 - 4 a.m.
- Permanently assigned
 - 7 additional officers in 2007
 - 10 or more additional officers by June
 - Additional Mounted Patrol (4 start mid-May)

One Time Request

This is a one-time request. If we have the same crime issues, the same number of MPD officers and a supporting budget – staffing downtown will increase by over twenty full-time officers in 2008.

Targeted overtime downtown could be added through State Grant and departmental funding.

Precincts - \$250,000

Buyback will focus on:

- **Current Crime Trends**
 - Example: Robbery/Assaults in 2nd Pct
Gang activity in 3rd and 4th Pcts
- **Neighborhood Plans**
 - Presence in problem areas
 - Focus on community issues
 - * Neighborhood priorities will change to focus on current crime trends. Sector Lts will assist with priorities.

PRECINCTS - \$250,000

- **2nd Precinct**
 - Robberies; Assaults; Party Car; Street Crimes
- **3rd Precinct**
 - Livability Crimes; Traffic; Gang activity
- **4th Precinct**
 - Street Crimes (drug dealing/prostitution); Gang activity
- **5th Precinct**
 - Gang activity; Robberies; Lakes area
- **Special Operations**
 - “Hot Spots” – Crime Trends; Assistance to Precincts

Questions



“Visibility = Livability”