

Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime

Report to City Council January 30, 2012

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1. Data regarding comparison of homicide levels city-wide (from Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and other law enforcement partners):

January 1 to December 31, 2008:	75	
January 1 to December 31, 2009:	40	
January 1 to December 31, 2010:	54	
January 1 to December 31, 2011:	43	Group involved: 19* (45%)

* As of today, group connection to 9 homicides is undetermined. Additional homicides from this time period may be determined to be group involved as additional evidence becomes available.

Overall homicides distributed by Police zone (each zone includes more neighborhoods than those listed):

	2010	2011	
	1/1 to 12/31	1/1 to 12/31	
Zone 1 (Northside)	9	11	
Zone 2 (Hill/Lawrenceville/Uptown)	10	13	
Zone 3 (Beltzhoover/Carrick/Southside/Arlington)	5	5	
Zone 4 (Hazelwood/Squirrel Hill/West Oakland)	2	5	
Zone 5 (Homewood/East Liberty/East Hills/Garfield)	20	8	
Zone 6 (Sheraden/Brookline/Beechview/Banksville)	8	1	
Total:	54	43	20% reduction

Note: PIRC's first call-in events were on July 13, 2010. This is the official public launch date.

PIRC's law enforcement partners are aggressively pursuing those gangs/groups where a member has committed a homicide. To date that aggressive enforcement has resulted in multiple arrests and intensified enforcement against many street gangs/groups.

In addition, aggravated assaults by gun (including nonfatal shootings) have been greatly reduced over the last two years. Total aggravated assaults by gun fell 27% from 2009 to 2010 and an additional 16% from 2010 to 2011. Attached are statistics on aggravated assaults by gun in each police zone.

2. Level of service activity, including requests for services:

PIRC promotes its service hotline to those individuals who are the most at risk for killing someone or being killed. Calling the hotline enables access to all PIRC provided services.

Service calls from the PIRC target population during 2011: **41**. Goodwill of Southwest Pennsylvania was selected as PIRC's primary service provider in July 2011. Goodwill has great expertise in workforce development for high risk populations. They are a major contractor for Allegheny County's Second Chance project assisting in ex-offender reintegration.

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Each individual directed by PIRC to Goodwill receives an in depth assessment to determine needs in five life domains – education and employability, basic life needs including financial literacy, health and wellness, housing and family. Goodwill has designated a case manager to work closely with PIRC clients as they progress through various services. Goodwill’s workforce development staff works to identify appropriate jobs for PIRC clients.

One Vision One Life continues to deliver the PIRC message directly to members of the target population on the streets and at community forums. They also assist in encouraging individuals to follow through on their service plans.

3. Description of activities of PIRC during the preceding period:

October 2011: A Post Agenda meeting was held on PIRC on October 19, 2011. Chief Harper, Deputy Chief Donaldson and Assistant Chief Bryant joined representatives from Allegheny County Probation, Goodwill and One Vision One Life to present the status of PIRC to City Council members.

After the Post Agenda meeting, PIRC’s contracts with One Vision One Life and Goodwill were approved by City Council, allowing the resumption of full efforts by all PIRC components. Services and outreach experienced minor disruptions while contracts were being approved.

November 2011: Community outreach by PIRC Coordinator: Since the last meeting, attended Community Empowerment Association’s Mitigating Community Trauma conference, presented before B-PEP’s Coalition Against Violence, attended and presented to PCRG’s Safe Neighborhoods Network meeting and Central Baptist Church’s Men’s Prayer Breakfast.

11/25/11: A PIRC Law Enforcement Response action was conducted in the Hill District. Law enforcement checked 21 residences and made 7 arrests. Arrestees are associates of gang groups involved in recent homicides.

December 2011: Community outreach by PIRC Coordinator: attended Sala Udin’s Allegheny County Stop the Killing Steering Committee meeting and the Mayor’s Beltzhoover Community Leaders meeting, Homewood Brushton Community Ministries meeting and spoke to an event by Women of Excellence at the August Wilson Center. A portion of the proceeds of the event will be donated to One Vision One Life for PIRC client services.

Pastors Meeting. On December 8, 2011, we held the first PIRC Pastors Briefing. The event commenced with an extended welcome by Rev. Burgess followed by introductions. Rev. Burgess agreed to work with the Mayor’s Office to promote a corporate leaders meeting around jobs for the target population. He also mentioned a possible future component of PIRC to address open air drug sales. No timeline was presented for this future component. The meeting continued with extended comments by Chief Harper and continued with open discussion. The Chief firmly believes that the long term solution to street violence involves changing the mindset of people in the community, and the community must do it themselves. The pastors must lead the way.

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4. Description of anticipated activities of PIRC for the succeeding period (January 1 through March 31, 2012):

PIRC's Implementation Team will continue to meet.

Pittsburgh Police together with PIRC's law enforcement partners are now aggressively pursuing those groups and gangs that have been involved in one or more homicides.

PIRC's Law Enforcement Team will be scheduling a set of call-in events when necessary.

Goodwill is providing case management for PIRC clients. At the same time, we are working with those individuals that have requested services to help them to be successful. We are monitoring progress among individuals that have requested service assistance.

5. City funds expended during the preceding period (October 1 through December 31, 2011):

University of Pittsburgh*	\$0 (unspent balance: \$16,072)
David Kennedy*	\$0 (unspent balance: \$37,253.61)
One Vision One Life	\$37,500.00 (contract balance: \$37,500.00)
Goodwill of Southwest Pennsylvania **	\$0 (contract balance: \$125,000.00)
Other	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$37,500.00

* These contracts expired June 30, 2011.

** Goodwill had not billed the City for work performed during this period.

6. Anticipated expenditures for the succeeding period (January 1 through March 31, 2012):

During the next 3 months, we anticipate spending:

University of Pittsburgh	\$0
David Kennedy	\$0
Goodwill	\$95,000
One Vision One Life	\$37,500
Other	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$133,000

Next report due: April 30, 2012