

Executive Overview of the National Public Safety Partnership



Purpose

The National Public Safety Partnership's (PSP) mission is to increase collaboration and build capacity among intra- and inter-agency law enforcement, prosecutorial, and community partners to enhance public safety.

PSP is designed to promote interagency coordination by leveraging specialized law enforcement expertise with dedicated prosecutorial resources to promote public and community safety. PSP's strategic focus is designed to support communities that struggle with levels of violent crime far in excess of the national average and that would benefit from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) support in developing their own capacities. DOJ established PSP to provide an innovative framework to enhance federal support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution authorities in enhancing public safety. As PSP expanded and incorporated lessons learned from earlier sites, it was enhanced and now includes three years of intensive formal engagement. PSP serves as a DOJ-wide program that enables participating sites to consult with and receive coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) to support violence reduction strategies. This model enables DOJ to provide effective assistance to jurisdictions of different sizes and diverse needs that will support and build their capacities to address violent crime.

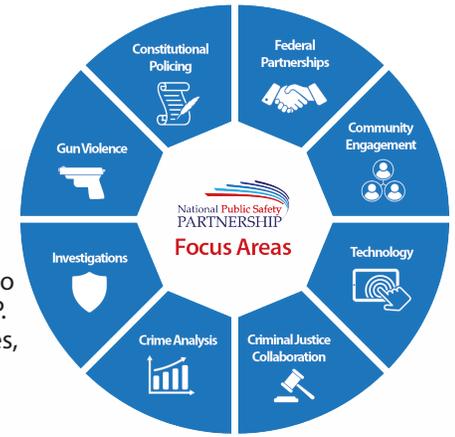
DOJ is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. The PSP initiative supports and advances DOJ's principles in all of its activities.

What PSP Offers

- **Customized TTA**—In addition to promoting no-cost training routinely available from DOJ components, PSP delivers expedited and customized on-site and virtual TTA to sites based on the needs and emerging issues in each community.
- **PSP Academy**—PSP has developed a library of virtual trainings on crime guns, crime scene management, and leadership, with more topics to come in the future. These trainings are available to all PSP sites. Visit nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/VirtualAcademy for more information.
- **Subject-Matter Expert (SME) Consultation**—PSP provides sites with up to 200 hours of SME technical assistance throughout engagement to provide guidance and expertise on critical violence reduction areas through strategic assessments, on-site or remote consultation, or customized training.
- **Strategic Site Liaison (SSL)**—An SSL, a former law enforcement executive, is assigned to each site participating in PSP to serve as an advisor, facilitator, and technical assistance guide.
- **Peer Exchanges**—PSP provides each site with 18 person-trips for peer learning opportunities across the country to share lessons learned, successful strategies, and ideas among peers. Virtual peer exchange opportunities also are available to the sites.
- **Strategic Assessments**—PSP offers a variety of assessments to participating sites to provide a baseline understanding of challenges and areas for growth within the participating departments and agencies.
- **Summit**—The PSP Summit is an invitation-only event that convenes executive leadership and key stakeholders from the PSP sites to participate in focused discussions and explore public safety and violence reduction strategies directly with national practitioners, researchers, and DOJ representatives, including U.S. Attorneys. The summit features customized one-on-one breakout sessions, plenary sessions, and various networking opportunities with other PSP sites.
- **Public Safety Clearinghouse**—The Public Safety Clearinghouse is an innovative online resource library that allows users to build customized violence reduction toolkits on topics such as crime and data analysis, drug crime, gang violence, crime prevention, human trafficking, community policing, officer safety and wellness, and victim/witness assistance. A mobile app version of the Clearinghouse is also available. Visit nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Clearinghouse for more information.
- **PSP Website**—The PSP website features background information about the program, a PSP Items of Interest page, and a private-access side for project management of PSP activities. Visit nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org for more information.
- **Communities of Practice**—PSP coordinates opportunities for PSP sites to build collaborative networks known as "Communities of Practice" that enable sites to address similar needs, issues, and interests and share promising practices and lessons learned. PSP has established these networks for technologists, crime analysts, prosecutors, and public information officers.

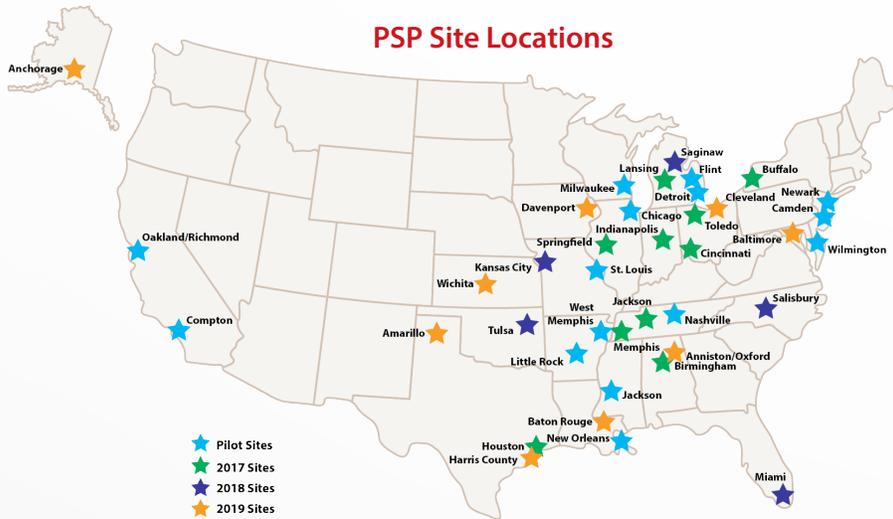
Focus Areas

PSP provides various types of assistance that empower cities to improve their crime-fighting capacities. All assistance is centered on the following core focus areas: criminal justice collaboration, community engagement, gun violence, crime analysis, constitutional policing, federal partnerships, investigations, and technology.



Site Selection Process

To be considered for selection, a site must have levels of violence that far exceed the national average. PSP sites must demonstrate a commitment to reducing violent crime and be ready to receive the intensive TTA available. Sites apply via an application process to participate in PSP. They are selected through a process that considers both quantitative and qualitative measures, in consultation with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners. More than 30 cities have participated in PSP. As of June 2019, PSP sites include:



Site Launch Process

Once a site is selected to join the PSP program, DOJ initiates the site launch process. Prior to or immediately after the PSP Summit, the local U.S. Attorney in each district hosts an introductory site meeting in each new PSP site. During these introductory site meetings, the local leadership team shares its major violent crime concerns facing the community with DOJ, and DOJ provides background on the program, details what to expect in the coming months, and introduces the participants to the PSP team dedicated to serving each site.

Success Stories

Amarillo, Texas: The PSP partner agencies regularly participated in community engagement events throughout the pandemic to meet the needs of the community and foster trust with community members. PSP members participated in food pantry drives, coat drives, school preparation festivals, and reading/mentoring programs with at-risk students. The long-standing and sustained efforts in community outreach and engagement, including distributing meals and school supplies during the pandemic, helped prevent and mitigate negativity in demonstrations during summer 2020.

Anchorage, Alaska: The Anchorage Police Department (APD) has established exceptionally strong relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. They pool their resources and work together to address issues. The partners have a standing monthly meeting to strategize on ways to reduce violent crime locally, regionally,

and statewide. For 2020, Anchorage reported a 50 percent decrease in homicides and a 40 percent reduction in property crimes compared to 2019. The APD attributes much of this success to the partnerships it has developed.

Camden, New Jersey: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) helped Camden acquire National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) equipment and training. Camden integrated NIBIN into its investigative processes as both an intelligence resource and an evidentiary tool. NIBIN, gunshot detection systems, and technology later helped the Camden County Police Department quickly identify suspects involved in an incident in which two detectives were shot. PSP TTA also helped Camden better integrate technology into daily operations. Camden now acts as a model site for the PSP Technology Community of Practice.

For More Information



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