



Executive Summary

On February 9, 2017, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order directing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to “take the lead on Federal actions to support law enforcement efforts nationwide and to collaborate with State, tribal, and local jurisdictions to restore public safety to all of our communities.” In June 2017, DOJ announced the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program. PSP is an intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) initiative designed to help the selected locations develop and implement programs and procedures intended to reduce violent crime. PSP serves as a DOJ-wide initiative that enables cities to consult with and receive coordinated TTA and an array of resources from DOJ’s programmatic and law enforcement components. PSP is not a grant program. PSP was initially designed to provide two complementary but separate levels of assistance—Diagnostic teams and Operations teams—tailored to the needs of a community that desires capacity-building assistance. However, in an effort to better utilize PSP resources, PSP will no longer offer two levels of assistance. Current sites participating with PSP under the Diagnostic team approach will conclude their engagement with PSP by spring/summer 2019. All sites selected to participate in the 2019 PSP cohort will follow the Operations team approach as described below.

Core Components

Operations Team Approach

- 3-year commitment
- Strategic Site Liaison assigned
- Annual customized training symposium
- Expedited delivery of assistance in seven core areas: federal partnerships, crime analysis, technology, gun violence, criminal justice collaboration, community engagement, and investigations
- Peer learning and exposure to a Community of Practice

Diagnostic Team Approach

- 18-month commitment
- Stakeholder and relationship building
- Governance structure and leadership analysis
- Capacity building
- Data collection and analysis
- Action plan development and evaluation
- Community engagement and buy-in in violence reduction

More information about PSP can be found at www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org.

Participating Sites

To be considered for selection, a site must have sustained 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. For 2018 and 2019, partner sites applied via an application process to participate in PSP. They were selected through a process that considers both quantitative and qualitative measures, in consultation with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners. Cities must also display compliance with federal immigration requirements. The cities that participated in a pilot program were absorbed as PSP Operations sites. More than 30 cities have participated in PSP. As of June 2019, PSP sites include:

Pilot PSP Operations Sites

- Jackson, Mississippi
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Nashville, Tennessee
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- St. Louis, Missouri

2017 PSP Diagnostic Sites

- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Buffalo, New York
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Houston, Texas
- Jackson, Tennessee
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Lansing, Michigan
- Springfield, Illinois

2017 PSP Operations Sites

- Birmingham, Alabama
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Toledo, Ohio

2018 PSP Diagnostic Sites

- Saginaw, Michigan
- Salisbury, North Carolina

2018 PSP Operations Sites

- Kansas City, Missouri*
- Miami, Florida
- Tulsa, Oklahoma

2019 PSP Sites

- Amarillo, Texas
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Anniston, Alabama
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Baton Rouge, Louisiana*
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Davenport, Iowa
- Harris County, Texas
- Oxford, Alabama
- Wichita, Kansas

*Transitioned from 2017 Diagnostic Site

Primary Participating DOJ Components

- Office of Justice Programs
- Executive Office for United States Attorneys
- Office on Violence Against Women
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
- U.S. Marshals Service