



Violence Reduction Strategy: The First Six Months

Objectives

- Reduce the severity of violence
- Reduce the frequency of violence
- Reduce the fear and perception of violence

Areas of focus

- Alcohol and drugs
- Weapons
- Distressed communities
- Social disorder

Suppression initiatives

- Community Action Team (CAT)
- Edged weapons initiative with Justice
- 5x5x5 activities in all Divisions
- Robbery Suspect analysis
- Offender Management (eg. curfew checks)
- Additional Detectives assigned to Homicide

Prevention/Intervention initiatives

- CAT deployments
- Y5O (Youth violence reduction)
- Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET)
Violence Reduction teams (2)
- Domestic Violence training (100 officers)
- Public Safety Compliance Team – Entertainment
Zone safety initiatives

Initiatives with our partners

- City/REACH “Violence Reduction Action Plan” - (VRAP) strategy
- REACH 24/7 – Safe Sobering Facility
- Boyle Street “Relentless Outreach”
- Hope Mission additional beds
- Launch of “1=What” campaign
- Enhanced Peace Officer education

Results: Q4, 2010 vs. Q4, 2011

- 5% reduction in the 4 violent crime indicators
- 12% reduction in robberies
- 9% reduction in physical injuries
- 2% reduction in crime severity index

Other voices: Judge T. Matchett

- “There is a problem in this city with people carrying knives...and the court not taking a strong position...this is not the proper and correct message that must be left with people.
- The message must be that the use of knives to cause serious injury is conduct which the Court must denounce...”

Partners

- All orders of government (Aboriginal Affairs, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Justice, Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission, ...)
- Boyle McCauley Health Centre
- Homeward Trust, Watch and Pray, Bent Arrow Society, Ben Calf Robe Society, John Howard Society...

Upcoming initiatives

- Project Operation Warrant Execution (OWE) commences in March
- Gun control project commences May
- EPS hosted workshop around violence reduction (March 2012)
- Continuing CAT, Crackdown

Observations

- Positive community feedback
- Increased visibility
- Focus on individual offenders and vulnerable persons makes sense
- Violence down, but property crime up
- Disorder is down



Questions?
