

2008 Safe Streets Report Card

Originating from Mayor Tom Barrett's 2007 Common Ground Milwaukee Summit, the Safe Streets Initiative has enjoyed tremendous success in 2008 in the project's three core areas. We are pleased to provide the following results from Police Districts 2 & 5:

Law Enforcement

- ✓ Law enforcement agencies (the District police, the Anti-Gang Unit, the Intelligence Unit, the Vice Unit, the U.S and District Attorney's Offices and others) have become better aligned creating stronger communication, increased intelligence, resulting in more arrests and convictions of violent crime;
- ✓ Two "take downs" by law enforcement of gangs on the north side: the Vice Lords at 1st and Keefe (50+ gang members were federally indicted) and the "Nash Street Boys": 19th and Nash (40 gang members were federally indicted);
- ✓ Over all, **shootings** in the city are down by 7% (425 in 2007 to 394 in 2008) and **homicides** are down by 31% (91 in 2007 to 63 in 2008).

Community Engagement/Prevention

- ✓ In districts 2 & 5, Community Coordinators have met with more than 150 neighborhood groups, community based organizations, faith and business leaders, public officials, schools, residents, offenders and crime victims to secure partnerships for the Safe Streets project;
- ✓ As part of the restorative justice model, Community Coordinators have held a total of 37 Community Circles with more than 400 participants in 20 different locations. Ninety-one offenders attended Circles and were put on notice by the community as well as provided with resources to assist in their re-entry.
- ✓ Two district-wide "Call-In" sessions were held with more than 150 participants. North and south side offenders were targeted in these critical meetings, led by the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Deputy U.S. Attorney, the District Attorney and others. Participating offenders were given an ultimatum of ending their criminal behavior or being severely prosecuted. Community members put offenders on notice and also provided resources and support in exchange for them turning away from crime.

Corrections

- ✓ Ninety-one offenders re-entering the community participated in Restorative Justice Community Circles;
- ✓ Of those, there is an 88% non-recidivism rate since the Safe Streets Initiative began;
- ✓ Community resources offered to returning offenders have included: case management, needs assessments, job training, alcohol and drug treatment, driver's license recovery, scholastic (GED and HSED) opportunities and employment.