

BERKELEY REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW AND
EMERGING MODELS
OF COMMUNITY
SAFETY AND
POLICING



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Introduction

As a part of the City of Berkeley's Reimagining Public Safety process, the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) was commissioned to conduct an assessment of programs and models that increase safety, properly respond to emergencies, reduce crime and violence, and improve policing.

Main Sections of the Report

-Emerging Non-Enforcement Models of Community Response

-Non-Law Enforcement Crime Reduction Strategies

-Community-Driven Violence Reduction Strategies

-Policing Strategies



Emerging Non-Enforcement Models of Community Response

CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets)

Eugene, OR

24/7 mobile emergency intervention service

Units consist of an EMT & mental health service provider

Staff undergo classroom education and supervised field work

Evaluations have found 5-8% of calls were diverted from the Eugene PD

CRU (Crisis Response Unit)

Olympia, WA

Teams consist of mental health professionals that provide supports like referrals to additional services to their clients

Calls for service originate from community-based service providers, the 911 hub, and law enforcement personnel



Non-Law Enforcement Crime Reduction Strategies

Mayor's Action Plan (MAP)

New York City, NY

Traffic Enforcement

Launched in 15 NYC Housing Authority properties with high violence rates

Focal point is NeighborhoodStat, a process that allows residents to have a say in NYC's allocation of public safety resources

Pretextual stops are in the process of being regulated across the U.S.

Washington, D.C. has transferred certain traffic enforcement duties to an agency of unarmed staff at the Department of Transportation



Community-Driven
Violence Reduction
Strategies such as Gun
Violence Reduction
Strategy (GVRS)
incorporate three main
elements.

Identifying and focusing
on those at the highest
risk of being involved in
violence

Employing community
outreach workers to
engage those individuals/
groups in a positive and
trusting manner

Providing ongoing
services, supports, and
opportunities to high-risk
individuals



Policing Strategies

Ethical Policing Is Courageous (EPIC)

New Orleans, LA

Early Intervention Systems (EIS)

Peer-to-peer intervention strategy that involves training officers to be accountable to each other and intervene when necessary

Aims to alter the 'warrior' culture surrounding policing and promote a collaborative environment

Systems analyze indicators of potentially problematic behavior such as use of force incidents and citizen grievances

If an officer is identified by the EIS for habitual misconduct, supports and services are provided to the officer to encourage officer well-being and aid in behavioral change

Thank you!

