

ONE SAFE HOUSTON

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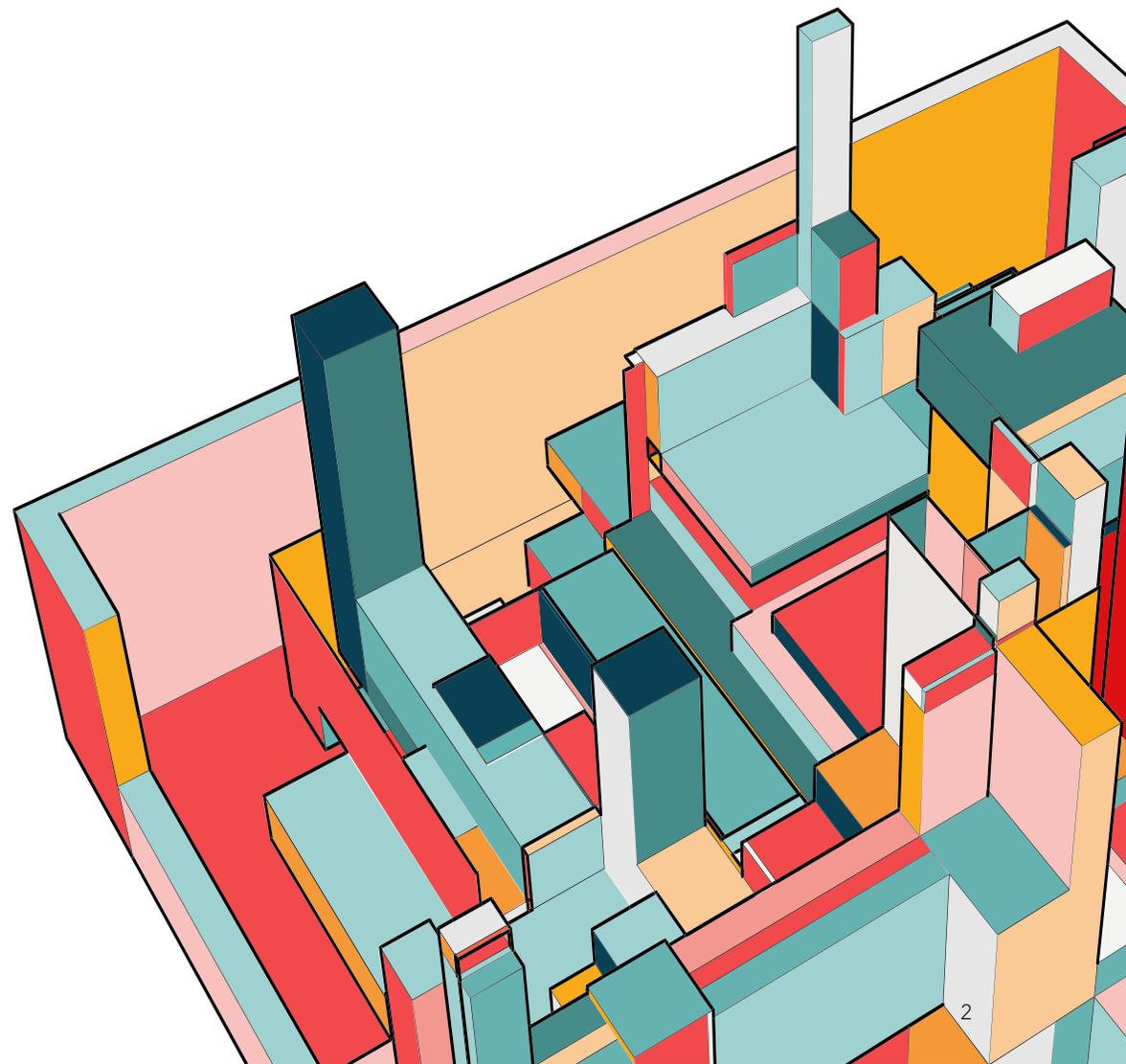
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ONE SAFE HOUSTON: ABOUT

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the "One Safe Houston" program, a \$44 million investment aimed at crime reduction. One Safe Houston is a comprehensive violence reduction initiatives that links research-based strategies to improve public safety and reduce the harms caused by violent crime.



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AREAS OF FOCUS OVERVIEW

VIOLENCE REDUCTION & CRIME PREVENTION

- Top Hot Spot Crime Neighbourhoods /Patrol Enhancements
- Enhance City Park Security
- Differential Response Teams (DRT)
- Crime Suppression Teams (CST)
- Multi-agency Taskforce Initiatives
- Illegal Firearms
- Identify & address Nuisance Locations
- Criminal Justice System Improvements
- Technology Enhancements

KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Initiatives to Curb Gun Violence
- Crime Prevention & Public Safety Awareness Campaigns Crime Stoppers of Houston
- Faith-Based Interactions & Town Hall Discussions

CRISIS INTERVENTION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Domestic Violence: Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART); Multicultural Domestic Violence Preventative Outreach Strategy

Mental Health: Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT); Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT); Clinician-Officer Remote Evaluation Program (CORE)

YOUTH OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Hire Houston Youth
- Gang Prevention Outreach Program (G.P.O.P)
- Greater Houston Police Activity League (GHPAL)
- Explorers
- Youth Police Advisory Council (YPAC)
- Boys & Girls Club (BGC)
- Teen & Police Service Academy (TAPS)



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DEPARTMENTS & PARTNERS

Houston Strong - Partnering in Crime Reduction

Mayor & City Departments

- Mayor's Office of Communication
- Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking
- Mayor's Office of Community Relations
- City of Houston Legal Department
- Houston Health Department
- Houston Parks & Recreational Department

Houston Police Department

- Victim Services Division
- Office of Planning & Data Governance
 - Media Relations Unit
- Office of Community Affairs
- Tactical Operations Division
- Mental Health Division
- Crime Analyst & Command Division
 - Office of Legal Services
 - Office of Technology Services

External Partners

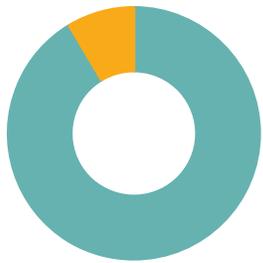
- Harris County Sherriff's Office
 - Harris Health
 - Crime Stoppers
- Texas Anti-Gang Task Force
 - Metro Police
- Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Taskforce
 - FBI
 - And, more!



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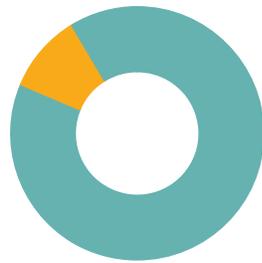
KEY FUNDING INITIATIVES



ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

\$5,739,880

Authorize HPD to add via overtime an additional 125 officers per day.



GUN BUYBACK INITIATIVE

\$ 1 million

The City will fund a robust gun buyback program to reduce the likelihood of illegally obtained firearms.



COURT BACKLOG

\$1.5 million

The City will assist the Houston Forensic Science Center.



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION

\$21 million

Investing in various mental health response teams to attend and assist law enforcement in 911 dispatch calls.



PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN

VIOLENCE REDUCTION & CRIME PREVENTION

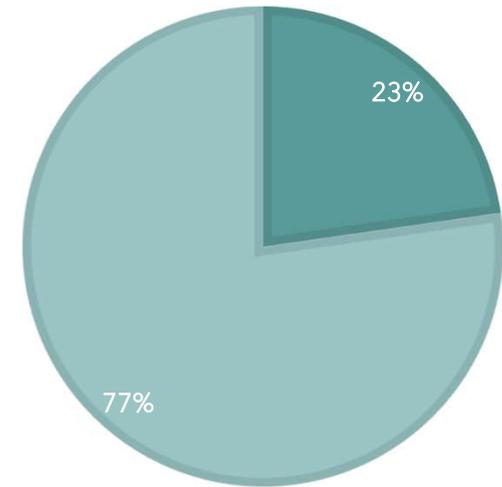
Patrol Enhancement	\$5,739,880.00
Additional Parks Department Rangers	\$1,915,200.00
Illegal Firearms - Gun Buyback Initiative	\$1,000,000.00
Houston Forensic Science Center Backlog Funding	\$1,500,000.00
Total	\$10,155,080.00

CRISIS INTERVENTION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Cure Violence Program	\$2,500,000.00
Community Re-Entry Network Program	\$1,000,000.00
Domestic Violence	\$9,608,627.18
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	21,384,178.00
Total	\$34,492,805.18

Grand Total: \$44,647,885.18

■ Violence Reduction & Crime Prevention
 ■ Crisis Intervention Response & Recovery



PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

One Safe Houston

Gun Buy Back Program

Patrol Enhancements /Police Officers

Safe Roadways Initiatives

Camera Ordinances

MCOT, CIRT & CORE

Crime Stoppers

Bail Bond Ordinance

Hot Spot Crime Neighborhoods

Park Rangers

Houston Forensic Science Center

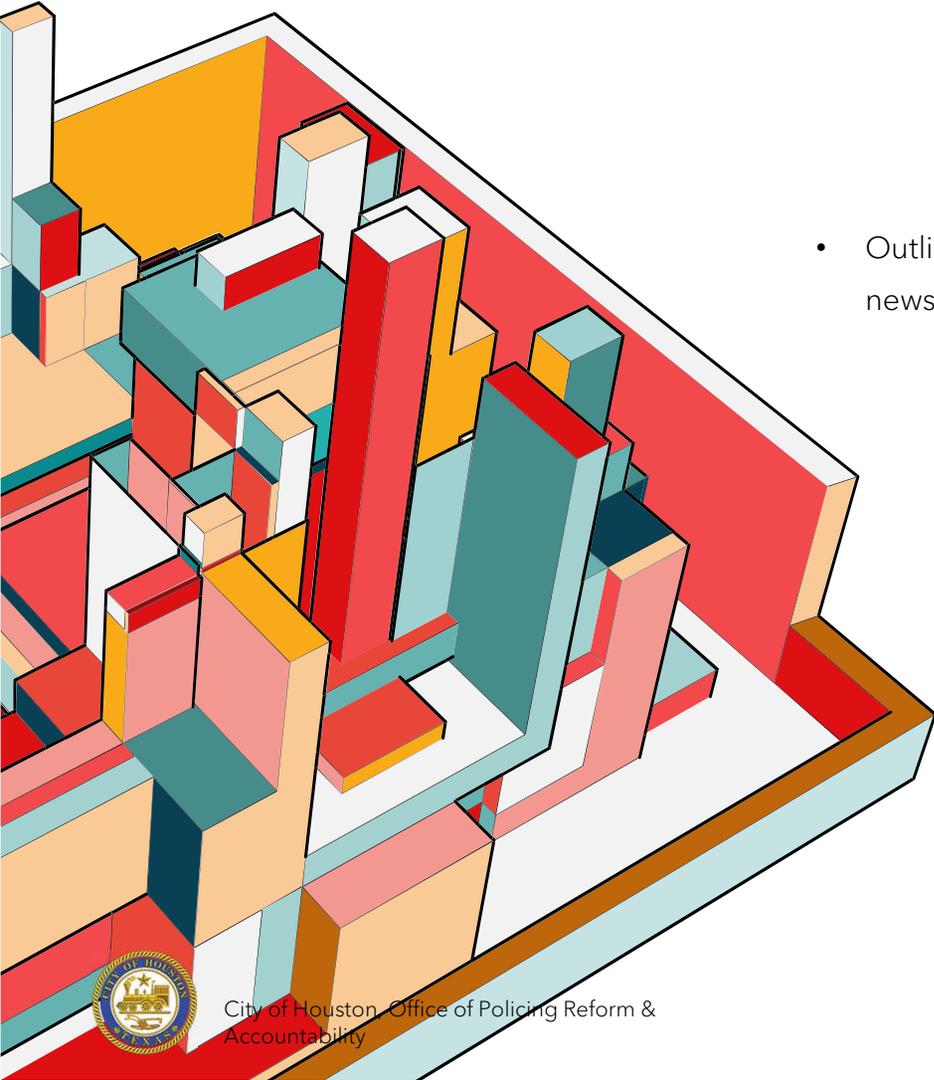
DART



ONE SAFE HOUSTON WEBSITE

One Safe Houston website : <https://www.houston.tx.gov/onesafehouston/>

- Outlines updates of the One Safe Houston's initiatives including ways be to involved, news articles and a breakout of the initiative's layout.



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CITY OF HOUSTON
ONE SAFE HOUSTON

Dear Houstonians,

The City of Houston, not unlike all major cities in our nation, has experienced an increase in violent crime as the COVID-19 pandemic tightened its grip on our city, state and nation. Other factors contributing to the nationwide spike in violent crime include widespread social anxiety, economic uncertainty, mental health concerns, the increased presence of illegally owned firearms, and a strained court system plagued by criminal case backlogs that impact the prevention, release, and prosecution of violent offenders.

In 2021, the city launched a Violent Crime Initiative that resulted in the reduction of crime in many identified hot spots. By the end of the initiative, all violent crime categories were reduced except homicide. Sadly, the increase in homicides during the first months of 2022 and Houston assaults on police officers and fellow Houstonians is a sobering reminder that we must collaborate, as one community, to combat our current crime challenges.

Houstonians, it is time to take our city back! To realize this vision, we are launching the One Safe Houston crime reduction initiative, which focuses on four (4) key areas:

1. Violence Reduction and Crime Prevention
2. Crisis Intervention, Response and Recovery
3. Youth Outreach Opportunities
4. Key Community Partnerships

Much work is already underway within these primary focus areas, but additional work and commitment is needed to have the greatest impact and measure of success. One Safe Houston is a comprehensive violence reduction initiative that links research-based strategies to improve public safety and reduce the harms caused by violent crime. With the collaboration of all stakeholders, I am confident that we will reduce violence and emerge as One Resilient City - One Unified City - One Safe Houston.

Sincerely,

 Sylvester Turner
 Mayor

ONE SAFE HOUSTON KEY AREAS

Funding Breakdown
 The One Safe Houston crime reduction initiative is a \$46 million investment funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

- \$2 million has been allocated towards Behavioral Health Programs, namely:
 - Crisis Call Diversion Program (CCD) - a 24-hour coverage program aimed at diverting mental health crisis calls that are non-criminal in nature to specialized and community mental health providers rather than sending first responders to investigate. [Learn more at https://www.houston.gov/onesafehouston](#)
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOPT) - an interdisciplinary mobile team comprised of psychologists, registered nurses, and licensed clinicians specializing in crisis intervention and rapid response. This methodology removes law enforcement from dealing with low-level mental health calls and connects individuals to services and professionals that can help them most without involving the criminal justice system.
 - Crisis Intervention Response Teams (CIRT) - a specialized program that pairs a mental health clinician with a law enforcement partner. The mobile team responds to 911 dispatch calls and referrals from the HPD Mental Health Division, Harris County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit, and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. The program has expanded to 24-hour coverage with 10 CIRT units deployed. [Learn more at https://www.houston.gov/onesafehouston](#)

Public Safety Initiatives

- Bond Company Protocols and Best Practices
 - The City Legal Department is drafting an ordinance for consideration by the Houston City Council, which would require that a bail bond company to charge a premium equal to at least ten percent of the amount of the bail bond set by the court. This would require that the cost of a bail bond be equal to what the public generally believes to be the cost of such a bond rather than some lesser amount.
- Court Backlog
 - The City of Houston is poised to work collaboratively with the Harris County Justice Enterprise Office to address these challenges, but the fact remains that the criminal court backlog is impacting the County's ability to bring violent offenders to court for completion. Accordingly, it is imperative that all criminal justice stakeholders work together to develop a plan to clear the criminal case backlog, especially those involving offenders charged with violent crimes and who pose the greatest risk of harm to our community.
- Identify and Address Nuisance Locations
 - Investigative Divisions within HPD and other city departments will work together to address night club and entertainment zones where repeated crimes of violence have occurred.
 - The City Legal Department is drafting an ordinance for consideration by the Houston City Council, which would increase transparency

TODAY'S SPEAKERS



Houston Health Department

- Credible Messenger Mentoring Program
- Re-Entry Network Program
 - CURE Violence



Legal Department

- Camera Ordinance
- Bail Bond Ordinance



Houston Police Department

- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)



One Safe Houston Community Violence Intervention Programs VIPs



Houston Health Department Mission



Our Mission

The mission of the Houston Health Department is to work in partnership with the community to promote and protect the health and social well-being of Houstonians and the environment in which they live.

Community Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

Background 2020



- *The outbreak of COVID-19, or more commonly called coronavirus, started in early 2020 in the United States and has influenced every aspect of daily life.*
- *As of November 2020, more than 11 million individuals had confirmed cases, and more than 250,000 died of coronavirus infection ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020](#)).*
- *The pandemic has changed the volume and distribution of crime as a result of increased strain and/or changed routine activities ([Stickle & Felson, 2020](#)).*
- *According to the [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(2020\)](#), there was an unprecedented surge in the number of background checks for gun sales from 2,802,467 in February to 3,740,688 in March, which corresponds to a 33% increase for a single month.*



Community Violence Intervention Program (VIP)- Background 2021



- *During the first three months of 2021, the homicide rate in many larger cities increased by over 20% compared to the same time period in 2020, according to the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice (NCCCJ).*
- *Gun assault rates also increased by 22%.*
- *On April 7, 2021, President Biden announced a new drive to combat gun violence, calling the problem a “public health epidemic.”*
- *The Biden administration promised to invest in community-based violence intervention initiatives.*



City of Houston's Challenge:



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*Per Mayor Turner, “The City of Houston, not unlike all major cities in our nation, has experienced an increase in violent crime as the COVID-19 pandemic tightened its grip on our city, state and nation. Other factors contributing to the nationwide spike in violent crime include widespread social anxiety, economic uncertainty, mental health concerns, the increased presence of illegally owned firearms, and a strained court system plagued by criminal case backlogs that impact the pretrial release and prosecution of violent offenders. In 2021, the city launched a Violent Crime Initiative that resulted in the reduction of crime in many identified hot spots. By the end of the initiative, all violent crime categories were reduced except homicide. **Sadly, the increase in homicides during the first months of 2022 and felonious assaults on police officers and our fellow Houstonians is a sobering reminder that we must collaborate, as one community to combat our current crime challenges.**”*



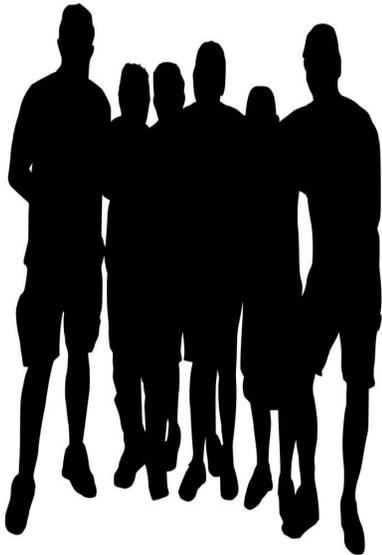
City of Houston's Public Health Response:



- *The City of Houston has designated \$4 million dollars in ARPA funding to lead a public health response which addresses current crime challenges in communities where Covid infection rates are high, Covid vaccination rates are low and the spike in violent crimes is apparent.*
- *The Houston Health Department (HHD) will utilize a public health approach in addressing this issue. This public health strategy approaches violence in an entirely new way: as a contagious disease that can be stopped using the same health strategies employed to fight epidemics.*
- *HHD's Violence Intervention Program (VIP) follows a three-pronged health approach to violence prevention: detection and interruption of planned violent activity, behavior change of high-risk individuals, and changing community norms.*
- *The Violence Intervention projects are research-based/evidence informed models that train and deploy outreach workers and violence interrupters to mitigate conflict on the street before it turns violent and sustain peace.*

Community Violence Intervention Program (VIP): Mission:

Our Mission is to prevent, disrupt, and stop the spread of violence by implementing the following evidence informed programs:



CVI – \$2,500,000:

- Interrupt violent acts and prevent retaliation at the onset of a violent interaction or intent (***immediate response***)
- Work in partnership with community-based programs
- Outreach, educate and change the social norms of those at highest risk of being perpetrators or victims of violence.

Credible Messengers - \$500,000:

- Pair mentors and guides for youth and young adults who are at highest risk for re-offending or engaging in gang activity for sustained support and intervention (***long-term***)
- Partner with impacted communities
- Utilize specially trained adults with relevant life experiences

Community Reentry Network Program - \$1,000,000:

- Support formerly incarcerated individuals with successful community reintegration
- Partner with community-based reentry providers
- Provide services to reduce recidivism which is critical for increasing long-term public health and safety as well as lowering corrections costs

Community Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Model Design and Implementation:



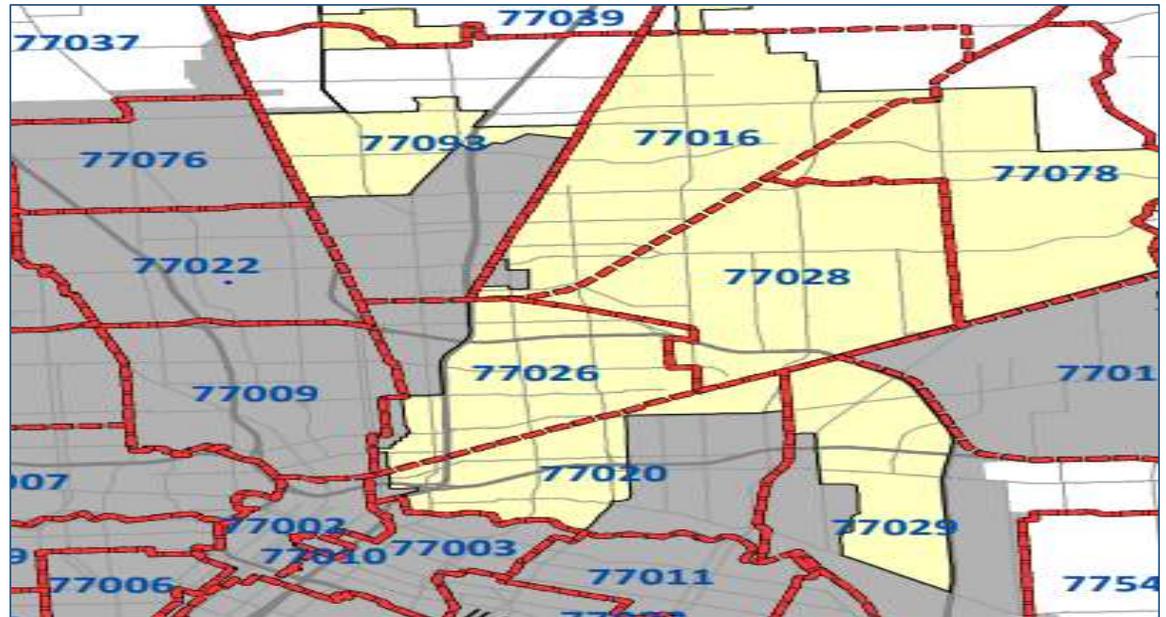
- *HHD has reached out to and consulted with national trainers that are subject matter experts in violence intervention work to provide guidance, training and technical assistance on our Violence Intervention Program models.*
- *HHD has reached out to cities that have successfully implemented violence prevention, intervention and reduction programs in Texas and nationwide, including Austin, Dallas and Minneapolis, to hear and receive lessons learned, strategies implemented and best practices to inform the development and design of the Houston Violence Intervention Program.*
- *The selected models are evidence informed and have been implemented across the country with proven results that increase protective factors and supports and ultimately reduce violence.*

Pilot Service Area Data:



The pilot program will be implemented in the service area as depicted below based on the following criteria:

- High Violent Crime
- Low COVID Vaccine Rates
- High COVID Infection/Death Rates



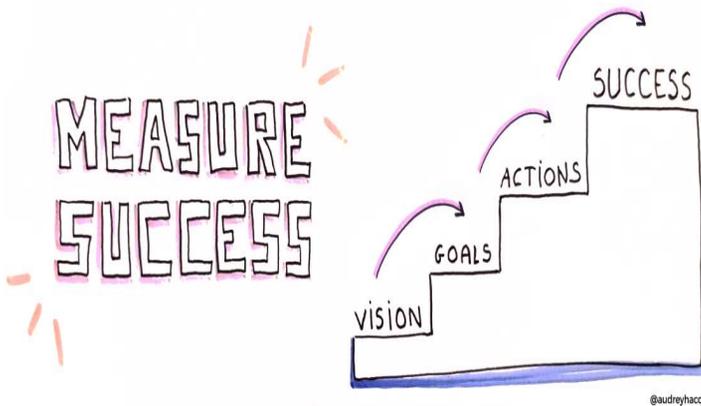
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Community Violence Intervention Program (VIP)

Success Indicators:

- *Success indicators of the VIP include:*

- *# of outreach workers/violence interrupters trained and deployed to work in targeted communities*
- *# of conflicts (group/gang/individual) avoided or resolved*
- *# of community awareness gatherings, peace walks and other prevention/intervention strategies*
- *# of resources and referrals provided to community members*
- *# of healing activities implemented after violence has occurred*



HOUSTON LEGAL DEPARTMENT



- Camera Ordinance
- Bail Bond Ordinance



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Security Camera & Lighting Ordinance

HPD data shows that in 2021, HPD responded to:

- 7,201 reported crimes at convenience stores,
- 2,946 reported crimes at bars and nightclubs, which includes sexually-oriented businesses, and
- 94 reported crimes at gambling establishments

Security Camera & Lighting Ordinance

- The following types of businesses are subject to the exterior camera requirement:
 - Nightclubs and bars
 - Sexually oriented businesses
 - Convenience stores
 - Game rooms
- Footage shall be stored for not less than 30 days
- Owner shall make footage available to HPD within 72 hours of a request

Security Camera & Lighting Ordinance

- Requirement: Exterior cameras sufficient to cover the area from the exterior of the building to the property line, placed in consultation with HPD
- Minimum specs:
 - Resolution: two megapixels
 - Aspect ratio: 1920 horizontal pixels by 1080 vertical pixels
 - Frame rate: 30 frames per second.
 - Wide Dynamic Range capabilities
 - Capable of exporting video footage in MPEG-4 format

Security Camera & Lighting Ordinance

- Convenience stores are subject to an additional lighting requirement
- Required in all places to which customers are permitted access:
 - Exterior
 - Entrances
 - Parking areas
 - Fuel pumps
- Minimum of six foot-candles
- Not to be directed at neighboring residences
- Illuminated between sunset and sunrise

City of Houston, Texas Bail Bond Ordinance
(Article XX, Chapter 28, City of Houston Code of Ordinances)

One Safe Houston is a comprehensive violence reduction initiative focused on:

- (1) Violence Reduction and Crime Prevention
- (2) Crisis Intervention, Response and Recovery
- (3) Youth Outreach Opportunities, and
- (4) Key Community Partnerships

- **Why is the bail bond ordinance necessary?**

Many bail bond businesses authorized to execute bail bonds are requesting and collecting substantially less than the customary 10 percent premium (cash deposit or other security provided) of the bail amount set by a judge or magistrate

City of Houston, Texas Bail Bond Ordinance
(Article XX, Chapter 28, City of Houston Code of Ordinances)

- Several factors have contributed to an increase in violent crimes, including:
 - the COVID-19 pandemic,
 - social anxiety and economic uncertainty,
 - the ability of certain citizens to openly carry handguns without a license or training, and
 - a strained local criminal justice system with a criminal court backlog greater than 100,000 cases.

City of Houston, Texas Bail Bond Ordinance
(Article XX, Chapter 28, City of Houston Code of Ordinances)

- The ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person or entity licensed as a bail bond surety to collect a bail bond premium or payment in an amount less than ten percent of the total surety bond amount of bail set by a magistrate or judge for release of a pretrial detainee charged in state court with committing a serious violent or sexual offense.

City of Houston, Texas Bail Bond Ordinance (Article XX, Chapter 28, City of Houston Code of Ordinances)

- The ordinance applies to the following crimes:
 - Murder
 - Capital murder
 - Aggravated kidnapping
 - Trafficking of persons
 - Continuous trafficking of persons
 - Continuous sexual abuse of young child or disabled individual
 - Indecency with a child
 - Sexual assault
 - Aggravated assault
 - Aggravated sexual assault
 - Repeated violation of certain court orders or condictions of bond in family violence, child abuse or neglect, sexual assault or abuse, indecent assault, stalking, or trafficking case)
 - Continuous violence against the family
 - Aggravated robbery
 - Sexual act with a child.

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)



HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CURRENT LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SOLUTIONS



WHAT IS ALPR?

- ALPR (AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION) IS THE TECHNOLOGY BY WHICH A CAMERA TAKES AN IMAGE OF A LICENSE PLATE AND USES "OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION" TO READ THE DETAILS OF THE LICENSE PLATE AND CONVERT IT INTO DIGITAL INFORMATION. THAT DATA CAN BE STORED TO BE REFERENCED AGAINST THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF WHERE THE IMAGE WAS TAKEN.

WHO USES LPR DATA?

- LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION DATA IS FREQUENTLY USED BY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITIES, PARKING GARAGES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, TOW TRUCK (REPO) COMPANIES, PARKING ENFORCEMENT, PRIVATE SECURITY, AND MUCH MORE. LARGE FACILITIES AND COMPANIES USE ALPR CAMERAS FOR ACCESS CONTROL, TOUCHLESS PARKING, FLEET MANAGEMENT, AND MORE.

THREE PRIMARY TYPES OF LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SOLUTIONS UTILIZED BY THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **ELSAG / LEONARDO (HIDTA) –**

MOBILE LPR READERS, APPROXIMATELY 50 HOUSTON PD PATROL VEHICLES

- **FLOCK SAFETY –**

FIXED LPR CAMERAS OWNED BY PRIVATE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT-HUNDRED CAMERAS IN GREATER HOUSTON AREA

- **VIGILANT SOLUTIONS / MOTOROLA (NVLS) –**

COMMERCIAL LPR DATA FROM NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT MOBILE PLATE READERS AND SHARED LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA (NATIONWIDE)

These systems can send real time alerts to local law enforcement, for listed NCIC Stolen Vehicles and Flagged Vehicles (Amber Alerts, Missing Persons, Terrorists, ETC). None of the systems allow for live video access or recorded video. They simply take a photo of a vehicle and attempt to identify the license plate number.

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EXAMPLE OF HOUSTON PD MARKED UNIT W/ ELSAG ALPR CAMERA

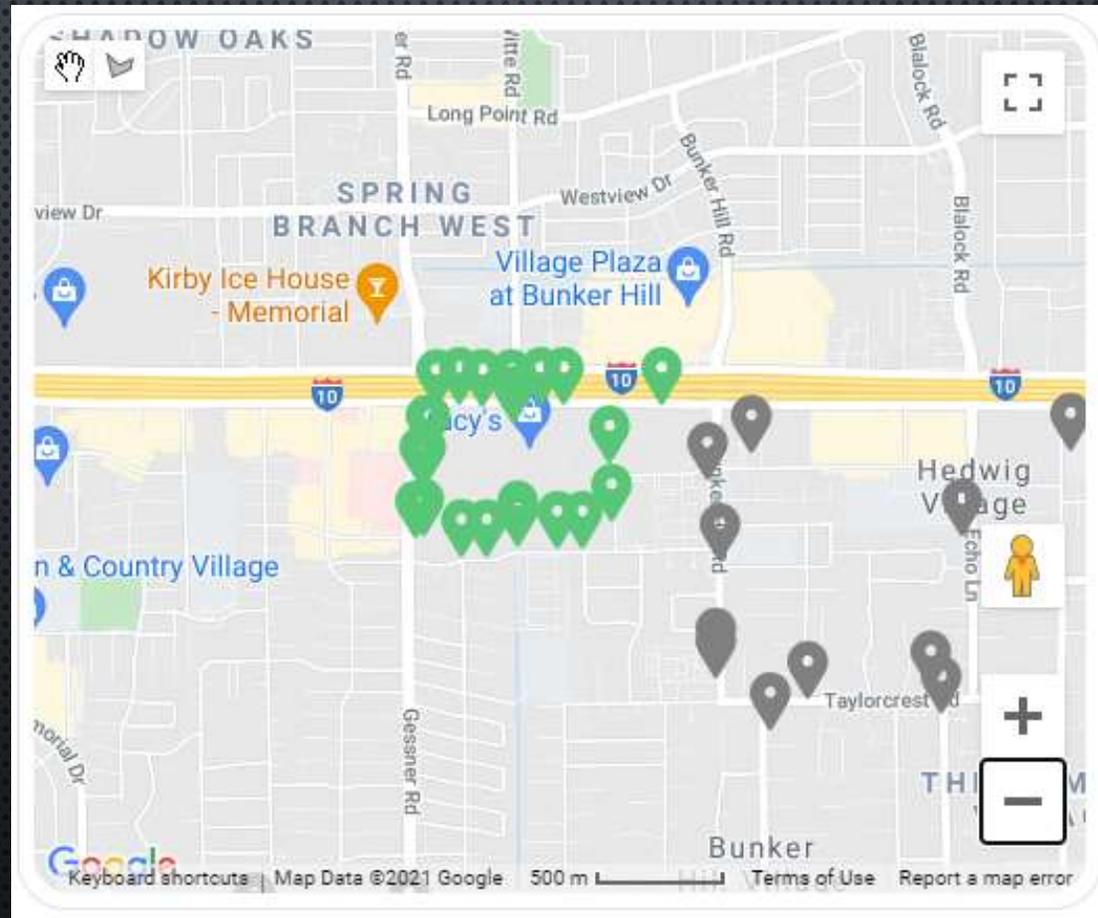


EXAMPLES OF FLOCK SAFETY LPR SOLUTION

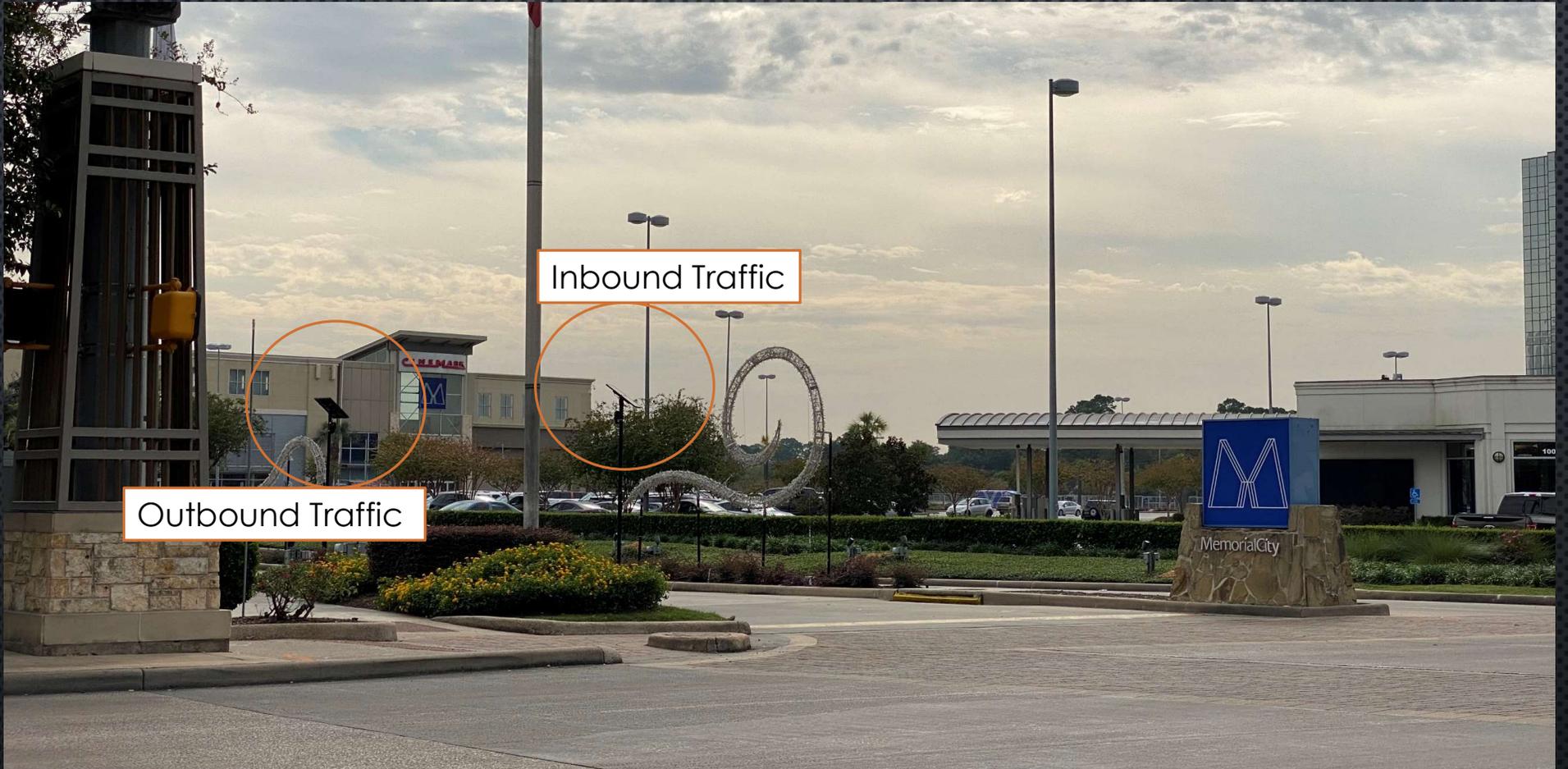


EXAMPLE OF PRIVATE FLOCK SAFETY LPR CAMERA INSTALL, SHARED WITH HOUSTON PD

MEMORIAL CITY MALL



Memorial City Mall



Outbound Traffic

Inbound Traffic

Memorial City Mall





Plate TX [redacted]
 Date 11/3/2021, 11:03:31 AM
 Camera #03: Gessner - Inbound 2

Body Pickup
 Make Toyota
 Color Red
 Identifiers undetected



Memorial City Mall

flock



Memorial City Mall-#03: Gessner - Inbound 2

11/3/2021 11:03:31 CDT

Memorial Villages Police Department – Flock Safety ALPR Installation



Greater Northside Management District – Flock Safety ALPR Installation



Simulation of eyewitness photographs (iPhone 13 Pro)

Greater Northside Management District – Flock Safety ALPR Installation



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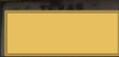
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ALPR CUSTOM HOTLISTS -

- ALPR Custom Hotlists are used to flag a vehicle connected with a criminal investigation. This may include vehicles used in Homicides, Aggravated Robberies, Road Rage shootings, Catalytic Converter thefts, Bank Jugging offenses, and more. The time that a vehicle remains on a Hotlist can vary, depending on the type of investigation. Typically, Hotlist entries are set to automatically expire within 30 days.
- Every action taken on any LPR system is logged and stored for internal audits.
- There must be a reason for any search or flagging of vehicle.

Plate	List Name		
TX 	Houston PD		
Date	(Test Hotlist)		
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7 minutes ago	Test (Not Real Hotlist)		
	Reason		
	This Is Only A Test		
Camera			
#03: Gessner - Inbound 2			
Network	Memorial City Mall		
			
			

NCIC ALERTS -

THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC) IS A “COMPUTERIZED INDEX OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION” THAT IS OPERATED BY THE FBI’S CJIS DIVISION. THIS DATABASE IS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE NCIC SYSTEM HAS RECORDS RELATED TO WANTED PERSONS, MISSING PERSONS, TERRORISTS, STOLEN FIREARMS, STOLEN VEHICLES, STOLEN LICENSE PLATES, STOLEN ARTICLES, STOLEN BOATS, AND MORE.

EXISTING LPR SYSTEMS ARE CONNECTED TO THE FBI’S NCIC DATABASE. THIS ALLOWS NCIC FLAGGED VEHICLES TO ALERT WHEN THEY ARE RECOGNIZED ON THESE ALPR SYSTEMS.

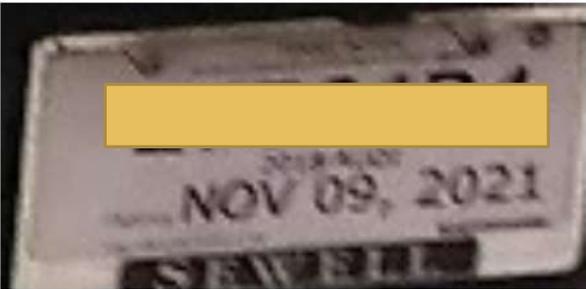


- NCIC - <https://irp.fas.org/agency/doj/fbi/is/ncic.htm>
- FBI - <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/ncic-turns-50>

Example of NCIC Stolen Vehicle “Live” Alert from Flock Safety

Plate	[REDACTED]	Source	NCIC	Camera	#02 -Little York Rd, WB
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	19 hours ago	Description	BLU AUDI SQ5		





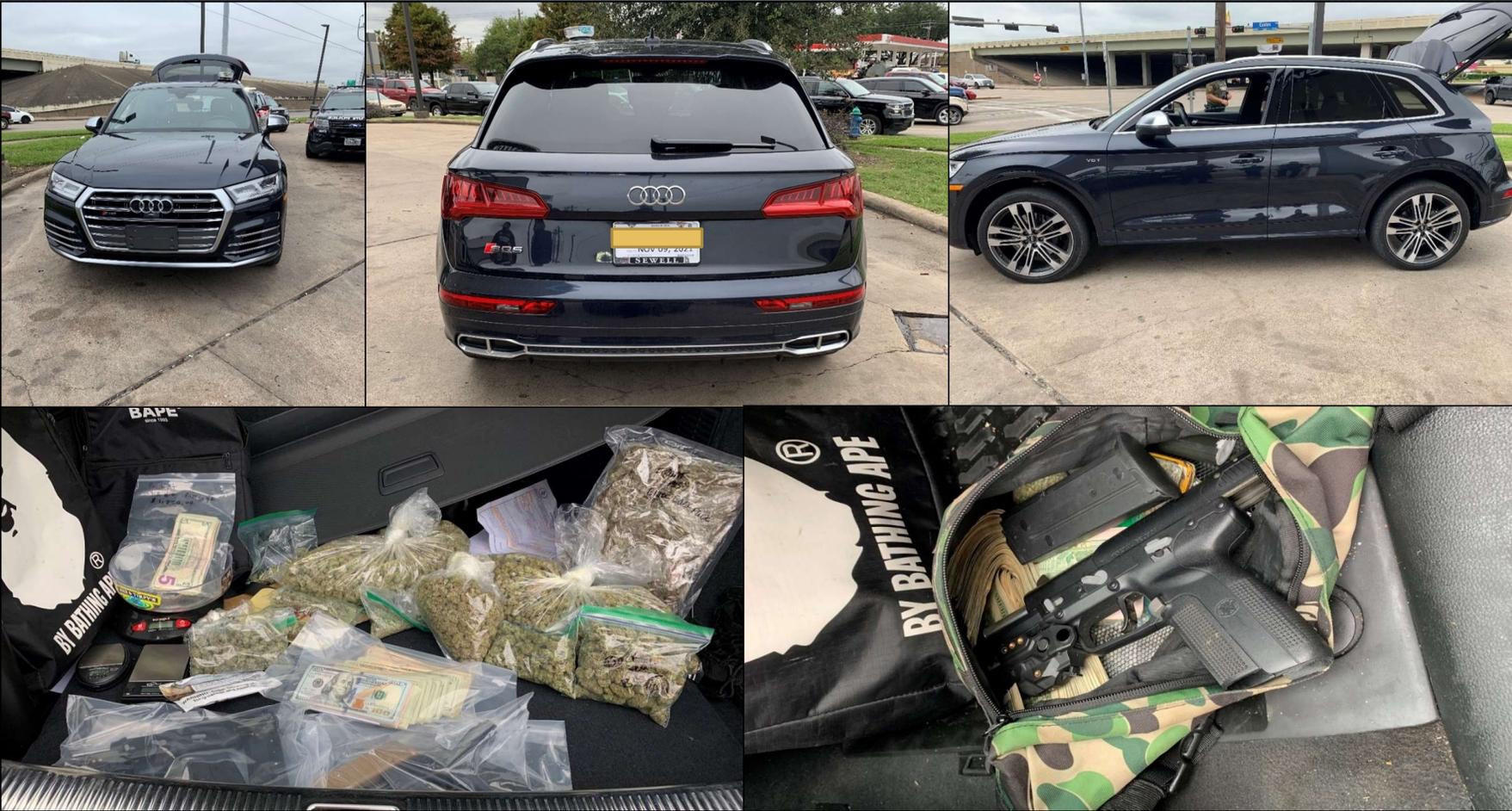




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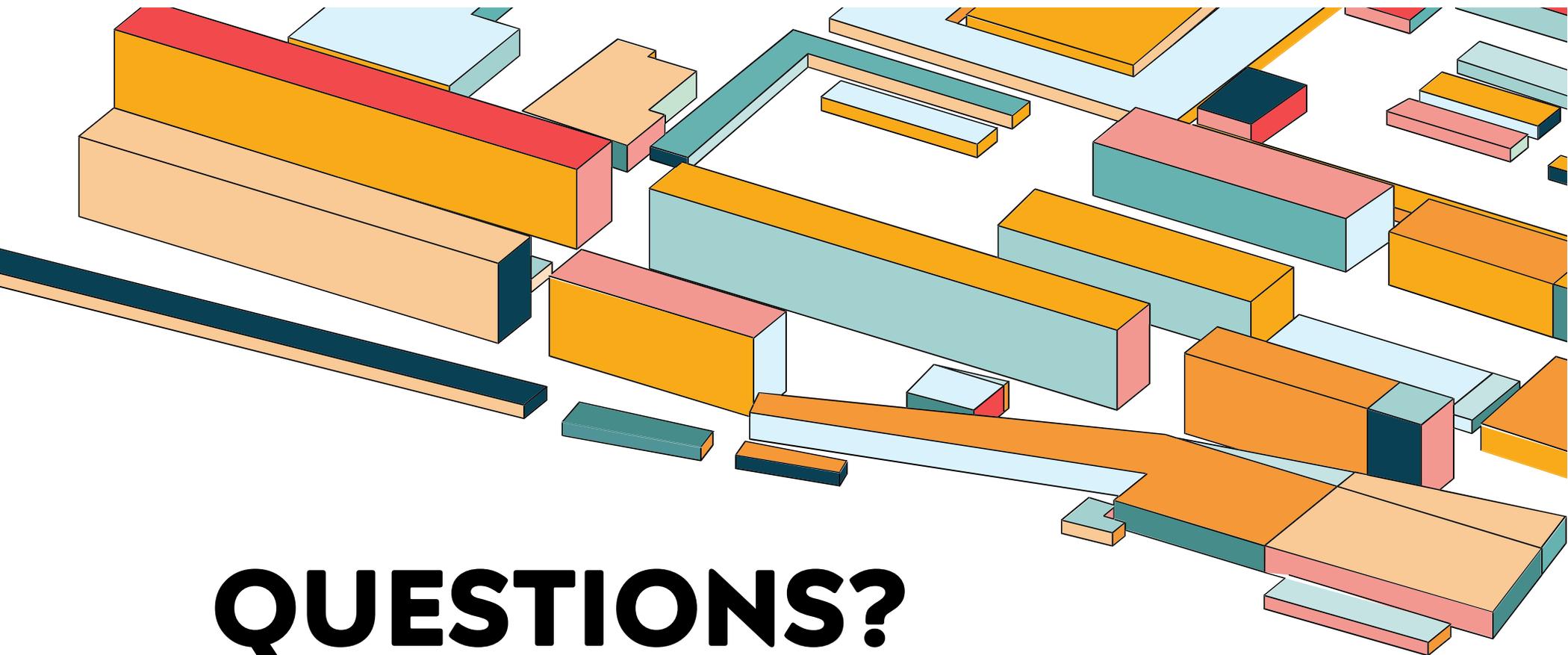
Houston Police officers received a Live Alert to a stolen vehicle, from a privately owned Flock Safety camera, which was shared with HPD. Within a minute, the vehicle was confirmed as stolen, over the radio with dispatch. A general broadcast of the vehicle’s description and last known location was made over the Northeast radio channel.

The vehicle was quickly located and stopped by Houston Police. Two suspects were arrested, in possession of two high-capacity firearms. Large amounts of cash and a substantial amount of illegal narcotics were seized. Felony charges were filed.



ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- PRIOR TO USING ANY LPR SYSTEM, HOUSTON PD OFFICERS UNDERGO TRAINING. ANY SEARCH, BY HPD OFFICERS ON AN LPR SYSTEM, MUST HAVE A LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT REASON STATED WITH THE QUERY. EVERY ACTION TAKEN ON ANY LPR SYSTEM IS LOGGED AND STORED FOR INTERNAL AUDITS.
- THERE MUST BE A JUSTIFIED REASON FOR ANY FLAGGING OF SUSPECT VEHICLES. THIS IS ALSO LOGGED AND AUDITED FOR INTERNAL TRACKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
- LPR HOTLIST ALERTS ARE NOT REASONABLE SUSPICION FOR A TRAFFIC STOP OR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR AN ARREST. OFFICERS MUST VERIFY NCIC HITS PRIOR TO STOPPING A VEHICLE.



QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU

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