

Wisconsin
Homicide
Commission

**Common Council
Public Safety Committee**

March 6, 2008

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Past Funding 2005 – 2007
(all competitive grant awards)

- **Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future**
(UW-Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health)
 - **Project Safe Neighborhoods**
(US Attorney's Office)
 - **Violence Against Women Act**
(Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance)

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**Multiple Agencies and Levels of Government
Working Together to Develop and Implement
Recommendations – Not Just Generate a
Report for Others to Act Upon**

Wilmington

Homicide
Review Commission

- Developed as a multi-level, multi-agency, multi-disciplinary homicide review process
- Address the City's ongoing problem with lethal violence

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Goals:

- Better understand the nature of homicides through strategic problem analysis
- Develop innovative responses
- Strategically focus limited enforcement and prevention strategies on identifiable risks

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Multi-Level Review Process

- Level 1 - Immediate Response
- Level 2 - Criminal Justice Review
- Level 3 - Community Service Provider Review
- Level 3A - Domestic Violence Homicide Review
- Level 4 - "Community Meeting"

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Working Group

Executive Committee

Over 100 recommendations developed with majority implemented

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Recommendations:

Analytic Framework

- Identify existing systems and develop new “levers” for reducing crime
- Strengthen partnerships (both inter- and intra-agency)
- Improve information-sharing
- Improve agencies’ policies and procedures
- Improve participating agencies’ analytic capacity

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Pulling “Levers”

- Tavern associated homicides
 - Change in legislation
 - Change in policing practice
- MVPs
 - High risk DOC agents co-located in districts with community prosecutors and others.
 - High risk offenders meet with DOC agents at district, are introduced at District roll call.

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Strengthening Partnerships

- Within criminal justice community
- Law enforcement and community based organizations

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Improved Information Sharing

- Intra-Agency
 - District level MVP list developed, revised monthly, distributed at roll call
 - More robust sharing of crime intelligence with district officers at roll call
- Inter-Agency
 - Standard protocol developed for MPD to share information with WDOC
 - SOP developed for DA's Office on shooting cases/follow-up

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Improved Policies and Procedures

- Standard Operating Procedure implemented by DA on shooting cases
- Timely removal of street shrines
- Improved pre-sentence investigation provided to judges prior to sentencing
- Probation and parole agents now in districts
- District level MVP lists
- District level Nuisance property lists
- Mapping

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Improved Analytic Quality

- Enriched homicide data quality supports better, more sophisticated data analysis
 - Criminal history
 - Witness information
 - Calls for service
 - Gang/crew affiliation
 - Drug trade (seller, user, drug house)

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Subcommittees

- Licensed Premise
- Juvenile Justice
- Level 3 Work Group

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**2005- Homicides
Districts 2, 6, and 5**

**2006 – Shootings and Homicides
Districts 2, 6, and 5**

**2007 – Shootings and Homicides
Districts 2, 6, 5 and 3**

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Awards:

**US Department of Justice, PSN
Outstanding Contribution**

**UW- Madison, Population Health Institute
Outstanding Practical Report**

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- **Project Safe Neighborhoods**
(US Attorney's Office)
- **Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance**

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2008

Homicides -- All Districts

Shootings -- Hot Spot Areas

Mini-Grants

Quarterly Reports

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Conclusion

- Participation in MHRC is highly valued by both criminal justice and social service representatives
- The MHRC has been successful in identifying concrete ways of improving communication and collaboration between agencies.
- The MHRC's success has laid the groundwork for MPD and others to adopt a strategic problem analysis framework.
- The quality of data available to MPD and others to analyze the city's homicide problem on an ongoing basis has improved significantly.
- While not conclusive, data analysis suggests that there has been a significant decline in homicides in treatment districts as compared to control districts (where there has been an increase)
