



MEMORANDUM

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To: City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force
From: Tea Norfolk, Legislative Fiscal Analyst – Lead
Date: July 26, 2019
Subject: Success Rates for Boston's Ceasefire program and Roca

This memo is in response to your request for additional information regarding success rates for Boston's Ceasefire program and Roca.

Boston Ceasefire

A simple comparison study found a statistically significant decrease in the monthly number of youth homicides in Boston following implementation of Operation Ceasefire. There was a 63 percent reduction in the average monthly number of youth homicide victims. Additionally, there was a 25 percent decrease in the monthly number of citywide gun assaults, with a 44 percent decrease in the monthly number of youth gun assaults in particular district; there was a 32 percent reduction in the monthly number of citywide shots-fired calls for service; and there was a decrease in the number of new handguns recovered citywide.

A full report on Boston's Operation Ceasefire from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs National Institute of Justice is attached for your review.

Roca

In 2018, Roca served 942 high-risk young men. Of those, 298 enrolled in transitional employment, 267 were placed in a job, and 66 percent held jobs for more than 6 months. Of the participants, 88% had no new arrests and 78% stayed with the program.

Roca's Fiscal Year 2017 High Risk Young Men Performance Benchmarks and Outcomes Report is attached for your review.

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