Gun Crime Response
Metro Safe Streets Task Force

3 local law enforcement agencies: Portland Police, Multnomah County Sheriff, Gresham Police Department

2 federal law enforcement agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

The frequency of gun violence in Portland and greater Multnomah County demands an immediate response to quell the staggering statistics.

There have been nearly 300 non-suicide shootings in Portland in 2021. Countywide, there have been more than 30 homicides, nearly half involving a firearm.

32% Injury Shootings
Approximately 32% of the shootings from 2021 in Portland have resulted in an injury.

50% Disparity
Roughly 50% of the victims of gun violence injuries in Portland are Black

The data around gun violence in Portland and greater Multnomah County is compelling and the number of people killed by gun violence so far in 2021 further amplifies the urgency to act now to bring about a unified investigative approach.

We all have a role in stopping gun violence.
Metro Safe Streets Task Force Organizational Chart

Law Enforcement Management Team
FBI SAC, ATF SAC, PPB Chief, MCSO Sheriff and GPD Chief

Prosecution Team
USAO & MCDA

East County Law Enforcement Team
FBI
MCSO
GPD

Portland Law Enforcement Team
FBI
PPB

Portland Law Enforcement Team
FBI
PPB

Portland Law Enforcement Team
ATF
PPB

On-Call Enhanced Community Safety Team
PPB

Key
ATF – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
FBI – Federal Bureau of Investigation
GPD – Gresham Police Department
MCSO – Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
PPB – Portland Police Bureau
SAC – Special Agent in Charge
SSA – Supervisory Special Agent
**Gun Crime Occurs**

**GUN VIOLENCE MAY BE UNDERREPORTED**

Community members are reminded to call 9-1-1 to report any shooting, the sounds of gun fire or any gun crime so law enforcement, medical and crisis response teams can be notified.

**Law Enforcement Response**

**SAFE STREET TASK FORCE MEMBERS TO BE NOTIFIED, RESPOND**

Depending on the type of shooting, law enforcement will respond to the scene and members of the Safe Street Task Force will be notified. In Portland, the on-call Enhanced Community Safety Team will be available to respond to any shooting upon request.

**Investigation Phase**

**SAFE STREET TASK FORCE PROVIDES INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES**

Members of the SSTF will have access to federal forensic testing and analysis, including the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), which allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms.

**Prosecution Referral**

**COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ON PROSECUTION REFERRALS**

A determination will be made on a case-by-case basis whether the prosecution of an SSTF case will be at the state or federal level. This determination will be based on the evidence obtained and in the interests of justice and community safety.

**Criminal Prosecution**

**ONCE JURISDICTION IS SETTLED, ALL RESOURCES SUPPORT TRIAL TEAM**

All law enforcement agencies will cooperate, communicate and collaborate to prosecute and slow the surging gun crimes in Multnomah County, Oregon.
Potential Staffing Levels for Metro Safe Streets Task Force

- 1 supervisor from the Gresham Police Department
- 1 detective from the Gresham Police Department assigned as a Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officer
- 1 supervisor from the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office
- 1 detective from the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office assigned as a Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officer
- 3 Portland Police Bureau supervisors assigned as Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officers
- 6 Portland Police Bureau detectives assigned as Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officers
- 11 Portland Police Bureau officers assigned as Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officers
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- 5 Portland Police Bureau detectives assigned as Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officers
- 1 supervisor from the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office
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- 1 supervisor from the Gresham Police Department
- 1 detective from the Gresham Police Department assigned as a Metro Safe Streets Task Force Officer
- 1 Supervisory Special Agent from the FBI as a Metro Safe Streets Task Force member
- 4 Special Agents from the FBI as Metro Safe Streets Task Force members
- 1 Supervisory Special Agent from the ATF as a Metro Safe Streets Task Force member
- Up to 4 Special Agents from the ATF as Metro Safe Streets Task Force members

*The total number of Portland Police sworn members is not expected to reach over 20, but may be lower.
**These positions will not be designated as task force officers.
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A COMMUNITY-BASED RESPONSE

THE CURE TO CRIME START WITH COMMUNITY

National evidence shows local organizations formed to confront violent crime and build stronger communities have a direct and significant role in reducing crime.

12%

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Violence interrupters who establish relationships with the most high-risk young people in the community, usually young men between the ages of 15 and 30.

We need to address the social factors such as poverty; joblessness; weak ties to full time housing, education and employment; and the lack of access to basic resources to increase a person’s prospects of not becoming criminally involved.

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