

# **“Partnering with your Public Health Department “**

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# Criminal Justice Model



# Epidemiological Health Approach to Understanding Violent Injuries

**VICTIM**

**Violent Injury  
Epidemiological  
Model**



**AGENT/VEHICLE**



**ENVIRONMENT**



*Working towards the reduction of violence through innovative interagency collaboration*

# Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission

***Developed In Collaboration with:***

**Milwaukee Police Department**

**Mayor's Office**

**Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office**

***Initially Sponsored by:***

**Wisconsin Partnership Program**

**(University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health)**

**Project Safe Neighborhoods**

**Office of Justice Assistance**

**(Violence Against Women Act)**

**Department of Justice**

## **Goals of the MHRC**

- **To better understand the nature of homicide through comprehensive information sharing**
- **To develop innovative responses**
- **To strategically focus limited enforcement and intervention activities on identifiable risks**

## Overview of the MHRC

- **A multi-level, multi-agency homicide review process**
- **Focused on addressing Milwaukee's ongoing problem with lethal violence**
- **Draws on both the criminal justice model of crime incident review and the public health model of death review**

## MHRC Structure

- **Criminal Justice Homicide Review**
  - Criminal justice professionals meet monthly to review prior month's homicides Criminal Justice Shooting Review
- **Non Fatal Shooting Reviews**
  - Criminal justice professionals meet monthly to review prior month's shootings (north side and south side reviews, focus on hotspot areas)
- **DV Homicide Review**
  - Community service providers, DA's, MPD meet bi-monthly to review cleared DV and IPV related homicides.

## **MHRC Structure**

- **Community Service Provider Review**
  - Community service providers meet bi-monthly with criminal justice professionals to share information on homicides cleared by arrest
- **Community Meetings**
  - Community members invited to meet semi-annually for reports from reviews
- **Working Group and Executive Committee**
  - Criminal Justice and Social Service administrators participating in MHRC meet monthly to guide and monitor MHRC progress

# Criminal Justice Review

- Attended by criminal justice professionals
- Develop a detailed, real-time description of homicide
- Develop innovative violence prevention responses
- Monthly review of previous months homicides
  - Monthly reviews allow:
    - Tracking the performance of implemented responses, adjusting as necessary
    - Guiding the application of responses to particularly violent groups and violent areas
    - Communication between agencies

# Criminal Justice Review

- Milwaukee Police Department
- City Attorney's Office
- District Attorney's Office
- Medical Examiner's Office
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program
- Milwaukee Housing Authority
- Milwaukee Public Schools Public Safety Division
- Delinquency and Court Services Division
- FBI
- Office of the Chief Judge
- US Marshal Service
- WI Department of Corrections (Adult and Juvenile)
- US Attorney's Office
- US Drug Enforcement Agency
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement
- WI Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation

# Criminal Justice Review

## Victim

- o Associates of the victim
- o Is the victim part of a group of active offenders?
- o What is the social history of victim?

## Suspect(s) / offender(s)

- o Associates of suspect(s) / offender(s)
- o Is the suspect(s) part of a group of active offenders?
- o What is the social history of the suspect?

Relationship between victim and suspect(s) / offender(s)

Location of the event (history of calls for service?)

Drug or gang involvement

Relationship to other crimes

Motive

## **MHRC Progress**

- **2005 Homicides (3 Districts)**
- **2006 Homicide and Shootings (3 Districts)**
- **2006 DV Reviews (Citywide)**
- **2007 Homicides and Shootings (4 Districts)**
- **2008 Homicides and Shootings (Citywide)**
- **2009 Homicides and Shootings (Citywide)**

# **MHRC Recommendations**

**Strengthening Partnerships and Improving  
Information Sharing**

**Increasing Analytic Capacity**

**Improving Policies and Procedures**

**Identifying and Developing Homicide  
Reduction Strategies**

# Why does it work?

Promotes willingness to share information

Provides opportunity to network

Continuously building trust between agencies

Multi-agency collaboration

Draws on expertise from various disciplines

Value range of perspectives

Acted on recommendations – produced results

Drawing on expertise from various disciplines

Value range of perspectives

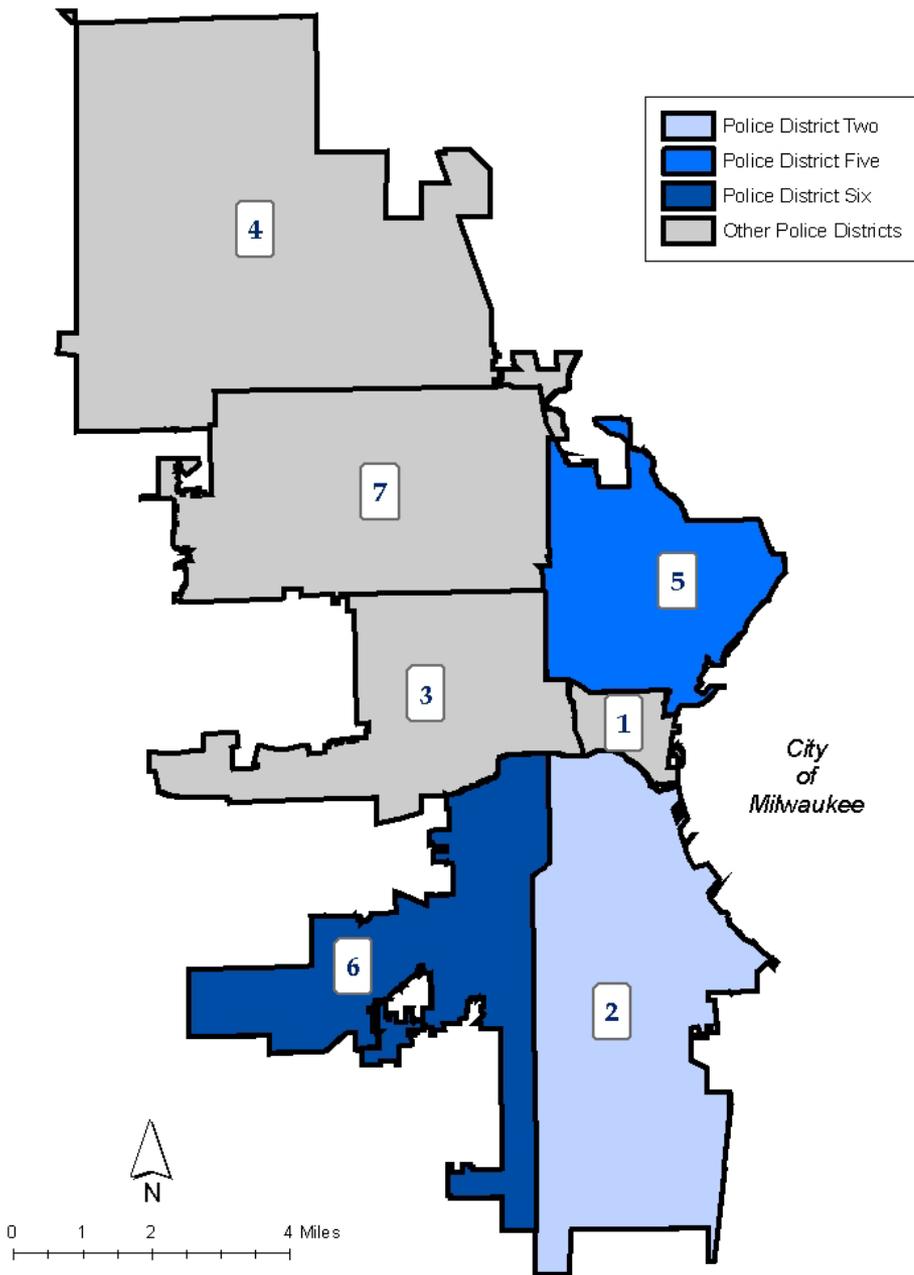
Consistent pressure to work together

Ability to provide timely data on violent crime

Based on data

# Evaluation

- Formative
  - Document implementation of MHRC through observation and pre-midterm-post interviews with key informants
- Process
  - Document project progress; assess capacity of project to facilitate MPD's and Milwaukee's capacity to use strategic problem analysis techniques to reduce violent crime in the City
- Outcome
  - Assess any improvements in data quality resulting from MHRC process
  - Evaluate any changes in homicide and shooting rates occurring in treatment as compared to control districts in the City



## MPD Districts: Intervention (blue) and Control (grey)

# Evaluation

- **Experimental Design**

- Intervention and Control Districts
- Intervention Districts
  - 52% decrease in the monthly count of homicide
- Control Districts
  - 9.2% decrease in the monthly count of homicide
- MHRC implementation associated with significant decline in homicides in treatment but not control districts



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# **National Homicide Review Training 2011**

**August 16-17**

**September 20-21**

**October 18-19**

**November 15-16**

*(Training space is limited.)*

**Eligible participants include any urban jurisdiction in the U.S. with a demonstrated need and capability.**

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