



Reentry Initiative

Lowell, MA Police Department

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Reentry: A local issue

- ◆ Ex-offenders return to local neighborhoods.
- ◆ Local departments are responsible for maintaining public safety.
- ◆ 67.5% of prisoners released will recidivate within the first 3 years of their release (BJS)
- ◆ Without support/intervention/monitoring these individuals will affect crime rates.
- ◆ More people are being released
 - In 1980, 1,015 individuals were released from Massachusetts state prisons
 - In 2002, it increased to 2,754
- ◆ $\frac{3}{4}$ of all individuals being released without any supervision because chose to “wrap-up” sentences (DOC)



Reentry in Lowell

- ◆ Department of Correction (DOC):
 - 80-100 individuals released to Lowell each year
 - 44% of the individuals with a last known address in Lowell are re-convicted of a new crime within 3 years of being released
- ◆ House of Correction
 - 800-850 individuals from Lowell incarcerated
 - 200 – 300 individuals released to Lowell
 - These offenders recidivate at a higher rate and at a faster pace



Historical Overview of Lowell's Reentry Initiative

- ◆ In 1999 LPD participated in:
 - DOJ's *National Reentry Partnership Initiative Meeting*
 - the Reentry Roundtable Discussions hosted by the Urban Institute
- ◆ LPD was 1 of 8 cities chosen to implement a reentry initiative under the DOJ's Reentry Partnership Initiative



Reentry Initiative Partners

- ◆ Department of Correction (DOC)
- ◆ Middlesex County House of Correction (HOC)
- ◆ Safety First
- ◆ Regional Reentry Center/ Community Resource Center
- ◆ Community Resources for Justice
- ◆ Vision New England Ministry

Lowell's Reentry Initiative

Mission:

- ◆ Decreasing crime rate
- ◆ Ensuring public safety

Program Components:

- ◆ Discharge plan meetings at DOC
- ◆ Correctional facility meeting w/ inmate
- ◆ HOC Reentry Panel w/ inmates





Program Components (cont.)

- ◆ Alert packets from DOC and HOC
- ◆ Intelligence bulletins created and disseminated by LPD Crime Analysis Unit
- ◆ Addresses mapped for Compstat presentations
- ◆ Postings in Criminal Detective Bureau and in Roll Call room
- ◆ Home Visits conducted by LPD officers
- ◆ Ex- offenders tracked & monitored



Name

DOB

Address

- ◆ Released X/XX/05 from XXX Correctional Center (pre-release)
- ◆ 5 – 5 yr 1 day for **trafficking cocaine**
- ◆ Has lengthy criminal record including 31 convictions, mostly drug cases
- ◆ Served 1 county, 1 state, 1 out of state, 3 out of county sentences
- ◆ History with **Hell's Angels**
- ◆ Working with housing service to find appropriate housing



Benefits

- ◆ All partners are informed about the potential risks of an offender re-entering our community
- ◆ Offenders do not enter the City anonymously
- ◆ Police have an extensive, verified information for investigative purposes
- ◆ Offenders are made aware of service options throughout the City