

# Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force Recommendations

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# SAFE Orlando Task Force Mission

In August Mayor Dyer established the Mayor's SAFE Orlando Task Force, tapping the talent and expertise of 26 community leaders to identify specific ways to prevent crime, use police resources more effectively and stop repeat offenders.



# SAFE Orlando Task Force Objectives

- Analyze current crime data and concerns.
- Review successful best practices.
- Define the community “call to action” and develop action plan to promote community education, awareness and engagement.



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- Identify available community resources, gaps and disconnects.
- Recommend proper allocation of government and community-based resources, services and programs, or creation of additional ones if needed.



# Mayor's SAFE Orlando Task Force Members

Dr. Stanley H. Stone, *Chair*

Margaret Anglin

Rev. Willie Barnes

Greg Clendenin

Jerry Demings

David Glick

Father Miguel Gonzalez

Brandy Hand

Arrington Hicks

Rev. Charles Jackson

Pastor Randall James

Douglas Kelly

Sarah Kelly

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Ramon Ojeda

Ann Brown Payne

Honorable Belvin Perry, Jr.

Robert Pickerill

Ronald Rogers

Randy Tuten

Annetta Wilson

Martha Wright

Luis Zayas



# Special Thanks to the Orlando Police Department

Chief Michael J. McCoy

Captain Jeffrey Goltz

Captain Frank Smith

Captain Charles Robinson

Captain Larry Zweg

Officer Jessica Ingoglia

Master Police Officer Barbara Bergen

Lieutenant Richard Ring (former Homicide Sergeant)

Wendy Rybinski



# Special Thanks to City of Orlando Support Staff

**Byron Brooks**

**Lisa Early**

**Jessica Eson**

**Marcia Hope Goodwin**

**Walter Hawkins**

**Brenda March**

**Reggie McGill**

**Attorney Natasha Permaul**

**Brie Turek**



# Special Thanks to

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**Ken Swann, *Department of Health, State of Florida***

**Robert Wesley, *Public Defender's Office***



# **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

**Mary Beth Elkins – Valencia Community College**

**Kathleen Russell – City of Orlando**



# Research and Due Diligence

- Reviewed crime statistics and maps
- Reviewed nationwide media articles
- Reviewed Best practices
- Academic articles: Violent crime rates
- Academic articles: Juvenile offenders
- Academic articles: Evaluation/solutions
- Community meetings
- Mayor's Public Safety Information Series



# Research and Due Diligence Cont'd

- Task Force Members “ride-alongs” with OPD
- Reviewed Governor’s Ex-Offender Task Force Final Report
- Presentation by Vicki Lukis
- Reviewed “Crime Trends in Orlando” report by the Drs. Jay and Lin Corzine, University of Central Florida
- Received various verbal and written correspondences from community
- Reviewed “Youth Violence Prevention: Causes, Cures and City Initiatives” report by Lisa Early



# Research and Due Diligence Cont'd

- Reviewed “Prison Reentry Orange County, Florida” report by Katherine Burns
- Reviewed application for “White House Faith-based and Community Initiatives”
- Reviewed “Public Safety/Community Recruiting Panel Recommendations”
- Reviewed various Prevention, Re-Entry and Law Enforcement Programs
- Various speakers
- Hours, hours and hours of excellent subcommittee work



# Brainstorming Session – October 3, 2006

Marilyn Crotty, University of Central Florida Facilitator

The following issues were identified and rated:

- What's working/what's not (P, E, R)
- Cause and effect/a wake-up call (E, R)
- Neighborhood involvement (P, E, R)
- Solutions (P, E, R)
- Education
  - before/after school (P)
- Prevention programs for children (P)
- Attitude
  - towards the law, other people & law enforcement (P, E, R)
- Post-school education
  - job training, etc. (P, R)



Key: Prevention [P], Enforcement [E], Re-integration [R]

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- City programs now in place or previously in place (P, E, R)
- Accountability for all – consequences (P, E, R)
- Awareness – communication (P, E, R)
- Resources available & needed, but not currently available (P, E, R)
- Collaboration – partnerships (P, E, R)
- Focus – what, who (P, E, R)
- Use of current resources (P, E, R)
- Immediate opportunities (P, E, R)
- Action-oriented (P, E, R)
- Understanding/respect (P, E, R)



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- Strengths & weaknesses in the current system (P, E, R)
- Drug and alcohol problems (P, E, R)
- Alignment – short term results & long term strategies (P, E, R)
- Prioritization (P, E, R)
- Reality (P, E, R)
- Community relationships – law enforcement, diversity (P, E, R)
- Best Practices (P, E, R)
- “It’s not my problem” (P, E, R)
- Evaluation



Creation of three subcommittees:  
Prevention, Law Enforcement, & Re-integration

# SAFE Orlando Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**GOAL:** To consider strategies for the prevention of violent crime in Orlando, focusing on children up to the age of 18 plus young adults and the broader community. Attitude, education and neighborhoods/community involvement were priorities reviewed and defined.

Subcommittee Members: Margaret Anglin, *Chair*

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# Prevention Subcommittee Recommendations

## Short Term (up to 1 year)

- Implement a community wide mass media marketing campaign.
- Encouraged business and community partnerships to address crime prevention and barriers of economic poverty.
- Ensure the availability of adult-supervised after school activities for all elementary, middle and high school students.
- Increase focus on the impact of faith-based organizations and job partnerships.
- Implement successful in-school suspension programs.
- Establish educational scholarship programs for high risk children.



# Prevention Subcommittee Recommendations

## Intermediate Recommendations (1-3 years)

- Establish more incentive based youth and adult literacy programs.
- Support families of school aged children.
- Provide more effective life management skills classes for at-risk youth in school and in the community.
- Expand the Orlando Police Department “Super Kids” and “GREAT” programs.
- Ensure all Orange County Public School children in middle and high schools receive education about domestic violence in dating relationships.
- Reestablish Orlando Police Department’s Gang Prevention program.



# Prevention Subcommittee Recommendations

## Long Range Recommendations (3-5 years)

- Establish Teen Advisory Boards in communities.
- Utilize the Teen Court and other existing diversion programs.
- Expand Orlando Police Department's community oriented policing efforts.
- Establish a Crime Prevention Council and Coordinator.



# Safe Orlando Task Force

## Law Enforcement Subcommittee

**Goal:** To assist the Orlando Police Department and the City of Orlando in fulfilling their pledge to the citizens of Orlando to create a safe and secure environment in which to raise families and conduct business.

Subcommittee Members: Pastor Randall James, *Chair*

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Ann Brown Payne

David Glicken

Judge Belvin Perry, Jr.

Doug Kelly

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Staff Support:

Capt Jeff Goltz

Officer Jessica Ingolia

Joshua Kirven

Capt Charles Robinson



# Law Enforcement Subcommittee Recommendations

## Short Term (up to 1 year)

- Create Patrol Tactical (TAC) Squads.
- Increase SHO-CAP Assistance.
- Develop “Citizens United for Safe Neighborhoods” initiative.
- Implement Gun Bounty program.
- Utilize Recruitment and incentives for hiring.
- Establish Downtown/Central Patrol initiatives.
- Reallocate “First responder” bike officers to the downtown area.



# Law Enforcement Subcommittee Recommendations

## Intermediate Recommendations (1-3 years)

- Reestablish Community Policing (COP) initiative.
- Redistrict Patrol Divisions to redistribute “first responder” workload for increased proactive activities – to include COP activities.
- Expand Orlando Police Department’s community oriented policing efforts.
- Explore feasibility of impact fees for Police Service.

## Long Term Recommendations (3 - 5 years)

- Increase staffing for drug enforcement.



# Safe Orlando Task Force Re-Integration Subcommittee

**GOAL:** To Recommend strategies to build the capacity of the local community to successfully transition ex-offenders back into society, which will reduce the number of repeat offenders (the “Revolving Door”).

Subcommittee Members: Brandy Hand, *Chair*

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# Re-Integration Subcommittee Recommendations

## Short Term (up to 1 year)

- Secure funding to create a Re-Entry Council within three months.
- Secure funding, through the Re-Entry Council, to open a permanent HELP Center (Helping Ex-offenders Live Productively).
- Advocate for legislation implementing the Governor's Ex-Offender Task Force recommendations, beginning with the 2007 legislative session – Request resolutions in support of these recommendations (Lukis report).
- Establish the Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force as a designated ongoing Advisory Committee.



# Re-Integration Subcommittee Recommendations

## Intermediate Recommendations (1-3 years)

- Re-Entry Council to support and assist Faith Based Organizations in securing funds for the development of transitional housing and related services.
- Re-Entry Council to identify and recommend funding sources and opportunities to enhance existing local re-entry programs and to develop new programs to address unmet needs.



# Re-Integration Subcommittee Recommendations

## Long Term Recommendations (3 - 5 years)

- Re-Entry Council to secure funding and begin operation of mobile mini-HELP Centers.
- Re-Entry Council to secure funding for expansion of services including possible additional permanent HELP Centers.



# Where do we go from here?

- Funding
- Implementation
- Continuation of Task Force Work



The Members of the Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Orlando

