



VISION SAFE ATLANTA

Public Safety Action Plan

OUR VISION

With more than 160 years of policing and a history filled with positive change and forward thinking initiatives, there have been several major turns of events in the life of the Atlanta Police Department.

We're blazing new trails by developing new strategies and training standards to enhance and maximize positive encounters among officers and citizens.

We also understand the importance of utilizing high-tech equipment as tools to help us fight and solve crimes. The Atlanta Police Foundation is at the forefront... making sure we utilize cutting edge, state-of-the-art technology. With more than 8,000 cameras integrated into the Loudermilk Video Integration Center we have enhanced our situational awareness.

Our people are the power behind the force which is why we only hire the best talent who understand and meet the needs of our city.

Youth crime is a concern for many major metropolitan communities. However, we understand that we can't arrest our way out of this problem. There must be a concerted effort to create new opportunities, growth and make a sound investments in our most valuable assets—our children and families.

Our mission is simple, to make Atlanta the safest large city in the nation, but we can't do this without unified support from community, business and civic leaders.

PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION ITEMS



Technology & Innovation



Repeat Offenders



Community Initiatives &
Juvenile Crime



Infrastructure



Staffing

JUVENILE CRIME: FINDINGS

- APD identified the top 100 JUVENILE OFFENDERS.
- 25 of the top 100 are in the age range of 12-to-14 years old
- In 2016, APD made more than 1100 juvenile arrests, for various crimes
- Data shows that 5 juveniles are responsible for at 128 crimes and have 101 arrests between them
- Within the City, there are several programs, serving similar populations but tracking different outcomes
 - City-wide initiative
 - City-wide database is needed for tracking purposes



JUVENILE CRIME: A HARSH REALITY



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Well, they are only 15 and 16 years old, but according to Atlanta police they have long criminal rap sheets.

Isaac and Charlie McDaniel have already been arrested for 30 crimes, including robbery and auto theft, and now you can add murder to that list. The teens are accused of killing a man in southwest Atlanta at a gas station. Thursday, they were in court to stand for those charges.

Police said this murder of Anthony Brooks happened at the Shell Gas Station on Campbellton Road in southwest Atlanta a week ago Thursday.

The 50-year-old victim apparently started calling the teen suspects out, saying that they were car thieves. According to a detective, that's when Charlie McDaniels started pushing Mr. Brooks and then pulled out a gun. But they said it was his brother Isaac McDaniel who started firing first.

"The victim had started to basically call them out, Isaac McDaniel and Charlie McDaniel, and informed the public that, you know, these are the people, these are the guys who have been stealing everyone's cars in the area, and witness one said that he had tried to warn them, you know, keep your mouth shut or, you know, they are going to shoot you," said Scott Berhalter, Atlanta Police Department.

One of the detectives said from the stands that he had so many encounters with these teens that he was not sure exactly how many. "Numerous," said Leon Delain with the Atlanta Police Department in response to questions from the State. "Let's say over ten."

Police said both teens are part of the "Down for Whatever" street gang. Delain said it was easy to identify. "From social media, from talking to them. Isaac actually has a DFW tat across his knee," said Delain.

Both their mother and father were also in court, and even their sister testified. In the end, the judge said there was enough evidence to proceed with murder charges against both of the brothers as adults.

The family of Mr. Brooks came over from his funeral to be a part of the hearing. They said they thought it was important enough. They declined to speak further, but said they were glad with the outcome of the hearing.



JUVENILE CRIMES COMMITTED (2016)

Crime by Type	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	9.	Grand Total
01-Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
02-Rape	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	6
03-Robbery	0	1	3	2	16	36	28	0	86
04-Agg Assault	0	1	3	3	5	13	13	0	38
05-Burglary	0	0	6	13	7	16	19	0	61
06a-Larceny-from Auto	0	0	5	10	19	23	22	0	79
06b-Larceny-Other	1	1	11	16	30	43	65	0	167
07-Auto Theft	0	0	2	8	24	39	31	0	104
08-Other Part I	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	7
18-Narcotics	0	0	2	5	9	16	23	0	55
19-Other Part II	5	11	35	61	87	128	125	1	453
20-Quality of Life	0	2	4	5	11	21	26	0	69
99-Building	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
99-Non Countable	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
99-Traffic	0	1	0	0	0	3	10	0	14
99-Warrant	0	1	8	5	16	18	23	0	71
Grand Total	7	19	82	130	227	358	392	1	1216



@PROMISE

Our Youth are At-Promise, Not At-Risk

A PROGRAM OF THE ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION

A WESTSIDE SECURITY PLAN INITIATIVE

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & JUVENILE CRIME

At-Promise Youth Initiative

- State-of-the-art learning & community facility with specialized services for youth
- Holistic resources for families and children
- DIVERSION – an alternative to arrest and probation
- INTERVENTION – Strategies to address behavior
- PREVENTION – to promote and foster personal growth and development

Mentoring Programs

- Innovative opportunities for youth to engage with police officers through a series of unique mentoring programs.
 - Strengthen youth-police relations, improve social awareness and enhance self-esteem.
 - We're using the horses with our Mounted Patrol Unit and bicycles with our Path Force as "ice breakers" to reach out to the kids and talk about their issues.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB METRO ATLANTA (B&GCM) For more than 75 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta has worked to save and change the lives of children and teens, especially those who need us most, by providing a safe, positive, and engaging environment and programs that prepare and inspire them to achieve Great Futures. Our 25 Clubs, located in some of our city's most underserved communities, open their doors every day to more than 3,300 kids and teens. We focus on helping youth succeed in school, live healthy, and become leaders.



CHRIS 180 (C180) Since 1981, CHRIS 180 has transformed more than 60,000 lives. CHRIS 180 saves, serves, and protects traumatized children, adults, and families through solution-focused programming that empowers them to change the direction of their lives. This approach enables those we help to reach their happiness, health, and success despite challenging circumstances. The name CHRIS 180 represents our core values: Creativity, Honesty, Respect, Integrity, and Safety. CHRIS 180's ambition is to be Georgia's go-to place where every child, young adult, or family who have experienced trauma discover how to recover, become resilient, and pivot toward a new future of hope and confidence.



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) The Atlanta Police Athletic League is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide a safe environment for youth to reach their full potential through partnerships with police and the community. PAL utilizes athletics, activities, and other programming geared toward improving quality-of-life for youth participants, by promoting confidence, self-esteem, civic engagement, academic achievement, and social principles. Our goal is to aid youth in becoming nurturing, productive members of society.



STREET SMART YOUTH PROJECT (SSYP) Our mission is to actively engage minority youth in structured, community-based programs. With an emphasis on delinquency, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and HIV prevention, we are actively preparing and empowering youth as they grow into happy healthy adults. SSYP has served the English Avenue community since 2003 and continues to target under-resourced youth and young adults by utilizing evidence-based prevention and early intervention programming. SSYP treatment models, which encourage empowerment, behavior change and opportunity, allow our youth to transform, transcend and take flight.



URBAN LEAGUE GREATER ATLANTA (ULGA) The National Urban League, founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, spearheads our nonprofit, Non-partisan, national community-based movement that has grown to 88 affiliates in 35 states and the District of Columbia across the country. The Atlanta Urban League was founded in 1920 as an affiliate of the National Urban League. Now known as The Urban League of Greater Atlanta, the agency works diligently to empower communities and change lives. The Urban League's focus is preparing the workforce for careers in the 21st century and the new economy; raising the graduation rate among metro Atlanta students and preparing youth for college and careers; homeownership and wealth creation; entrepreneurship and small business growth; and serving as an advocate for education, civic engagement and economic development and a voice for the underserved in our community.



DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE/FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT PARTNERSHIP

- APF has developed a method to change the way DJJ, Courts and APD work together.
- Through an understanding that there is a lack of real time placements and under utilized assessment tools.
- MOU created to start addressing these
- APD officers will now have the opportunity to use discretion and have options for real time placement for youth who commit status offenses.
- Collaboration between APD/Juvenile Intake/FCJC will work collaboratively to make sure youth are served within 48 hours of initial arrest.
- Youth will have the opportunity to start/complete treatment prior to going to court in hopes of charges being dismissed or continued through services at the At-Promise Center.

AT-PROMISE EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Decrease in youth arrests and recidivism by 10% annually
- 90% of diversion participants to complete their individual program
- Increase officer/youth relations through:
 - Enrollment in mentoring programs
- Increase in youth employment
 - Based on job placement and vocational training
- Improve community relations and mobilization
 - Pre and Post Community Assessment



PARKS & REC PARTNERSHIP

- APD Officers are assigned to Centers of Hope located in high-crime areas
 - 6 of 21 Centers of Hope
- Every Kid Needs a Hero
 - An essay contest with children from the Centers of Hope and PAL
- Hoops 4 Hope – 3-on-3 Basketball Tournaments
 - Offers Job Placement and Educational/GED Opportunities
- 12 Officers assigned to the Centers of Hope Beat
 - 2 hours of programming with youth interaction
 - 4 hours on patrol within a 1-mile radius of the Center
 - 2 hours of security at the front desk
- PARTNERSHIP EXPECTED OUTCOMES
 - Increase Center of Hope Beat to cover all recreation centers
 - Provide police coverage for Parks & Rec athletic events and outdoor pools



PARKS & REC PARTNERSHIP

Afterschool Enrollment	2016-2017 Current Enrollment
Adamsville *	263
Anthony Flanagan	39
William Walker	122
Bessie Branham	102
C. A. Scott (Teen)***	20
Coan	48
Collier (Teen)***	20
Dunbar K-5 + Teen	119
Gilbert House Culture	34
Grant Park	59
Grove Park	50
Lang Carson****	20
Martin Luther King, Jr.	177
Peachtree Hills	155
Perkerson	30
Pittman Park*	108
Rosel Fann	174
South Bend	20
Thomasville*	164
A.D. Williams**	70
Anderson Park**	186
Total Enrollment	1,980



APD COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Police in the Park
- Reading Program in partnership with APS Elementary Schools
- Cadets Program
 - A joint effort with AWDA where 8 students were employed to work with APD to learn the inside of the APD operation
- Atlanta Work Force Lunch and Learn @ Municipal Court
 - Talking with summer employed students about their future
- The Joseph and Evelyn Lowery Institute for Justice and Human Rights Teachers Forum
 - Talking with the teachers of Brown Middle School with how to educate their students on police/citizen relations with emphasis on black males and police encounters
- Mundo Hispanic Community
 - Talking with the Hispanic Community regarding immigrations, police encounters, civil rights
- Kicking It With A Cop
 - KIPP Vision Elementary School discussion with the Close Ties Young Man Leadership Program



JUVENILE CRIME: RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Youth Czar**
 - Appointed by Mayor
 - Implement City's overarching At-Promise Youth Initiative
 - Streamlines efforts of various organizations and programs
 - City-wide database for data sharing among partners/providers
- **Police Athletic League Civilian Executive Director**
 - Identify Programming for youth ages: 12-16
- **Expand APD Explorers Program for ages: 17-20**
 - Opportunity to transition from Explorer to APD Recruit
 - Example: Conyers Police Department
- **Youth Advisory Council/Explorers Program**
 - An advisory group which consists of youth from various demographics
 - Example: Houston Police Department



JUVENILE CRIME: YOUTH ADVISORY

Houston Police Department

Youth Police Advisory Council

Format/Objective

The council meets five times during the current school term. The members are responsible for polling their peers before the meetings to gather relevant questions, issues, etc., to present at the meetings, and are to disseminate the information received at the meetings to peers and schoolmates. The meetings and projects are designed to accomplish the following:

- Promote serious dialogue with Houston area youth.
- Advise the Chief on current issues of importance concerning the youth.
- Communicate mutual concerns of the police department and youth.
- Unify our youth into a positive force for the good of the community.
- Establish broad-based support among youth for the police department.
- Encourage a crime-free lifestyle by incorporating law enforcement principles.
- Bring awareness to peers on crime related issues.



Program Highlights

YPAC is recognized as one of the leading, and most effective youth councils in the city. We proudly acknowledge the following accomplishments:

- A large number of youth from area school districts have been privileged to serve on the council.
- The council is in demand to participate in various events and functions involving youth.
- Over the last few years, several students have received awards and scholarships through their participation in YPAC.
- Because the youth have been privileged to sit in a round table discussion with the Chief of Police in open and honest dialogue, they have a better understanding of police matters, and a more positive attitude toward police officers.

Topics of Discussion

Violence Issues

Domestic violence, school violence, date rape, personal safety, relational abuse

Relational Issues

Respect, peer pressure, conflict resolution, teen/adult relationships

Youth and Legal Issues

Youth and the legal system, long term consequences of arrest record, what to do when in the company of someone who commits a crime, illegal use of drugs and alcohol, gang involvement

Field Trips/Community Service Projects (subject to change)

Texas PEACE Project Youth Summit

Caney Creek Ranch

Texas Tobacco-Free Teen Summit

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Crime Victims' Rights Week

Teen Court

Christmas Social and Gift Giving

Thanksgiving Preparation

The Race Against Violence

Urban Garden

Qualification/Selection Process

To be considered for YPAC, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school student, at a school within the HPD service area.
- Complete an application.
- Write an essay explaining the desire to serve on council.
- Get parental approval to serve on the council.
- Get school administration approval to serve on the council.
- Applications are accepted at the beginning of the school year (August-September)



SECURE NEIGHBORHOODS



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OFFICER HOUSING:

- The presence of police officers living in the neighborhoods they protect and serve is one of the most inherent forms of community-oriented policing- a policing philosophy adopted by the Atlanta Police Department that engages law enforcement and the community as collaborative partners in problem-solving and preventing crime.
- At present, approximately 23% of Atlanta police officers live inside the city limits.



SECURE NEIGHBORHOODS

- Increasing police visibility not only deters crime, but also improves the community's perception of safety. Both play a vital role in stabilizing Atlanta neighborhoods and creating a safer place to live.
- Through the support of donors, partners and community stakeholders, the Secure Neighborhoods Initiative has attracted 276 Atlanta police officers to the city in the last six years, resulting in an estimated 470 officers that now live in the city.



SECURE NEIGHBORHOODS

- **WESTSIDE BLUE:**

The Westside Security Patrol is comprised of off-duty APD officers, fostering a sense of responsibility within neighborhoods for increased police visibility and cooperative relationships between law enforcement and residents.



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