

ONS/NCA Street Outreach Report Card
Quarter and Year-to-Date
FY 2009-10

Criminal gun violence, regardless of frequency or intensity creates fear in citizens and creates a perception of chaos. There is no level of criminal gun violence that is acceptable in this community. In the City of Richmond’s efforts to promote peace building with those actively involved in gun violence, the Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”) facilitates four (4) prevention and intervention functions to reduce gun violence. The functions include Program and initiative development and implementation, social services coordination, social services capacity building, and resource development.

In April of 2008, the Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”) implemented a best practice-based street outreach strategy. With the assistance of law enforcement personnel ONS staff has identified 80-100 individuals that are believed to be currently involved in shootings and killings experienced in the City of Richmond. Many of these individuals (shooters) are currently walking the city’s streets, some are currently incarcerated, while others will soon return home to Richmond.

The ONS refers to this population as the “ONS Focus Group.” This group represents high risk and chronic fire arm related offenders and those involved with historic neighborhood based disputes and/or personal altercations that involve gun violence. The street outreach strategy is designed to promote peace with this focus group. ONS Neighborhood Change Agents (NCA’s) or “street outreach workers” provide direct, sustained engagement with those identified as either being shot or being a shooter in the immediate future. NCA’s work primarily to mediate and diffuse fire arm related conflict and tensions within problem areas or “hot spots” within the city where gun violence is most prevalent. They also provide street level mentoring and they facilitate social service coordination and referrals on behalf of this vulnerable population.

Below please find quarterly performance measures for this strategy:

Output	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
# of ONS Focus Group youth and young adults engaged by ONS NCA’s while facilitating Street Outreach Activities	36	130	180		346
# of total street level <u>CONTACTS</u> with ONS Focus Group	340	271	562		1,173
# of hours logged by ONS NCA’s while facilitating street outreach activities in “problem areas” or “hot spots” with ONS Focus Group	230	386	358		974
# of youth and young adults at-risk of gun violence engaged by ONS NCA’s while facilitating Street Outreach Activities	112	229	434		775
# of total street level <u>CONTACTS</u>	652	361	640		1,653

with youth and young adults at-risk of gun violence					
# of total street level <u>CONTACTS</u>	992	632	1,202		2,826
# of total hours logged facilitating street outreach activities in “problem areas” or “hot spots”	494	477	698		1,669
# of unduplicated service referrals on behalf of ONS Focus Group	13	24	57		94
# of total unduplicated service referrals made	55	121	140		316
# of Attention Intensive Mentoring administered to ONS Focus Group	14	35	27		76
# of Parolees Assisted	71	56	32		159
# of Probationers Assisted	31	37	61		129
# of Street level fire arm mediations/interruptions by ONS NCA’s	37	42	84		163
# of Life Skills classes facilitated	18	25	29		72
# of youth and young adults participated in Life Skills classes (unduplicated)	90	114	163		367