

Orange County

# Citizens Safety Task Force

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

## Prosecution Subcommittee

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# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prosecution Subcommittee**

**Prosecution Subcommittee Focus: Enhance Prosecution of Gun Violence and Violent Crimes**

**Prosecution Subcommittee met three times and participated in the Citizens Safety Task Force Community Meetings**

**Presentations by guest speakers, task force members, and county staff:**

- **Geographic Stewards Program**
- **Adult Civil Citation Program**
- **Blueprint to Ending Gun Violence**
- **Orange County Corrections Reentry Programs**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prosecution Subcommittee

## **Recommendation #1:** Implement Geographic Stewards Program in the Community

Implement a community prosecution model by which prosecutors from the State Attorney's Office and U.S. Attorney's Office will partner with the community and law enforcement to focus on identifying key offenders and working with them to interrupt the cycle of violence, reducing the incidents of crime and improving the quality of life for residents.

**Proposed Short-Term Action:** Lack of funding and limited staffing has inhibited the progression of this recommendation.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prosecution Subcommittee

**Recommendation #2:** Implement Civil Citation Diversion Programs

**Proposed Short-Term Actions:** Recommended Enhancements

- A. Recommend law enforcement agencies to make the issuance of civil citations mandatory for eligible offenses and establish processes requiring officers to obtain approval for not using a civil citation in a given instance.
- B. Recommend law enforcement agencies publish statistics showing the number of citations issued.
- C. Recommend the SAO or law enforcement agencies publish statistics showing the number of instances in which citations could have been issued.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prosecution Subcommittee

## Recommendation #2: Implement Civil Citation Diversion Programs

### Proposed Short-Term Actions (Continued):

- D. Recommend the SAO develop PSAs for the general public to be informed about civil citations so that they may be able to request that option, as well as inform the public that this program is not intended to represent a “soft” approach on crime; rather, that it allows law enforcement to focus on more significant crimes.**
- E. Recommend law enforcement introduce the program to new recruits during their onboard training.**





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**Proposed Recommendation #3 (New):** Identify a Legislative Advocate who will make recommendations for legislation that will create protections for witnesses and neighboring persons to facilitate their willingness to share information.

- A specific recommendation to this end is to increase restrictive parameters around sharing of information regarding witnesses.





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**Proposed Recommendation #4 (New):** State Attorney's Office to issue a statement of affirmation and commitment to prosecuting gun violence cases to the fullest extent possible.

**Proposed Recommendation #5 (New):** Increase street cameras universally and not just in target areas.





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prosecution Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation 6 (New):** Recommend the following questions be added to future Community Crime Surveys:

1. If you have perpetrated a crime of gun violence, what would have prevented you from committing that crime?
2. Have you had communication with prosecuting authorities in the past year? If so, were you a victim or a witness?
3. Do you know how the prosecution system works? (Or similar question to assess familiarity with prosecution processes).

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Take a short, confidential survey  
about gun violence and violent  
crime in your community.

[ocfl.net/CrimeSurvey](https://ocfl.net/CrimeSurvey)

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

## Prevention Subcommittee

Chair: Lisa Early

### Members:

Laddie Calloway

Lisa Coffey

Linda Coffin

Eric Debose

Sandra Fatmi-Hall

Adam Hartnett

Father Jose Rodriguez





# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee**

**Prevention Subcommittee Focus: Youth primarily between the ages of 13 – 25 residing in zip codes where the incidence of violent crime is highest**

**Prevention Subcommittee held five meetings and members participated in the Citizens Safety Task Force community meetings**

**Presentations from guest speakers, community stakeholders, and county staff:**

- **Prevent Gun Violence Florida**
- **Orange County Public Information Officer | Community & Family Services**
- **City of Orlando, Children, Youth & Family Services Division**
- **Florida Rights Restoration Coalition**
- **Live Free**



# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee**

**Prevention Subcommittee reviewed seven recommendations and modifications/revisions were made to three recommendations:**

- Recommendation #2: Expand/Enhance Access to Effective Youth, and Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs**
- Recommendation #5: Reduce Access to Illegal Firearms**
- Recommendation #7: Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #2:** Expand/Enhance Access to Effective Youth, and Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

**Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

A. Allocate funding to programs operated by “Credible Messengers” in the target zip codes.

“Credible Messengers” are defined herein as organizations, including small scale, and individuals who have longstanding trusted relationships with at-risk youth in the target zip codes and a legacy of effectively encouraging and supporting youth on the path to successful adulthood.

After one year of implementation, the County should review the impact of the program and determine if additional funding is needed to achieve program goals.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #2:** Expand/Enhance Access to Effective Youth, and Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

B. Allocate substantial funding, based upon budget recommendations of experts in the field, to implement research-based models in the target zip codes, proven to prevent violent crime, including the following list of practices:

- Partner with municipalities within Orange County to implement evidence-based Community Violence Intervention (CVI) models into targeted County neighborhoods experiencing high incidences of gun violence. Ensure that the CVI model identifies the most lethal individuals at the center of gun violence and provides them with long-term wrap-around mentoring and supportive relationships, and wrap around services, including housing, employment, mental health counseling and legal assistance until the individuals have fully pivoted away from a life of violence and are firmly set in a productive, positive, crime-free lifestyle.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #2:** Expand/Enhance Access to Effective Youth, and Parenting, Mental and Behavioral Health Programs

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

C. Implement models that identify small, defined geographic areas and invest in cradle-to-career programs covering all aspects of child well-being in the zone (including academic achievement, health/wellness, youth employment and family economic stabilization) for children and youth who reside there, implemented by individuals and organizations in the neighborhood with the goal of connecting a critical mass of neighborhood youth to those programs. Neighborhoods to be prioritized should be located in the 32703, 32801, 32805, 32810, 32811, 32818, 32822, and 32839 zip codes.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #5:** *Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety*

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

**A. Utilize the Public Information Officer to disseminate information outlining the ways that HB 543 – commonly referred to as “Permitless Carry” or “Constitutional Carry” will affect our community, the public’s access to guns, and the expected increases in gun violence.**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #5:** *Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety*

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

B. *Maintain a comprehensive review of State and Federal laws governing the sale, purchase, ownership, and carry of guns. Determine the extent of state and federal preemptions, so as to identify what is within the jurisdiction of local governments that can improve safety and education related to gun violence to implement policy, ordinance and code changes when legally feasible. For example, mandate that all locations selling guns including gun show expos, have overnight security guards/off-duty officers to prevent break-ins and theft.*



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #5:** *Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety*

**Proposed Long-Term Action:**

A. *Create and implement Blueprint for Local Municipal involvement in increasing Gun Safety education and collaborating with local and state-wide Gun Safety advocates to organize advocacy for evidence-based Gun Safety legislation at the State and Federal Level.*



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #5:** *Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety*

## **Proposed Long-Term Actions:**

**B. Create an intersectional coalition to advise the Orange County Mayor and Commission, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida and provide ongoing partnership in the following gun safety goals:**

**a. Identify a non-partisan partner organization who can lead these efforts (possibly the League of Women Voters)**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #5:** Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety

**Proposed Long-Term Actions (Continued):**

*b. Include representation from gun violence prevention organizations (like Giffords Law Center to prevent gun violence, March for Our Lives, Prevent Gun Violence Florida), healthcare and trauma response organizations, education, faith, tourism, LGBTQIA+ organizations, youth representation, state and federally elected officials.*

*c. Expand gun safety education across all ages and spaces in Orange County*



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

## **Recommendation #5:** Create and Implement a Blueprint for Local Gun Safety

### **Proposed Long-Term Actions (Continued):**

#### **d. Expand education around “Common Sense Gun Safety Legislation” - legislative changes that are proven to reduce gun violence**

- *Repeal Stand your Ground*
- *Prevent child access*
- *Recording of lost/stolen firearms*
- *Strongly oversee gun sellers*
- *Comprehensive background checks including private transfers*
- *Eliminate “shall issue” to replace with “may issue”*
- *Stronger penalties to those who manufacture, sell and train people to use guns*
- *Prohibit sales via the internet*
- *Mental health check for all who wish to purchase guns*
- *Waiting periods*



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

## **Recommendation #7:** Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community

### **Proposed Long-Term Actions:**

A. Develop and disseminate a robust social media communication campaign aimed at strengthening anti-violence *social norms*— especially among youth in the target zip codes – by using social media, print-based materials, web content, broadcast media (television and radio), telephone, and face-to-face interaction with individuals and large-group forums such as public meetings.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #7:** Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community

**Proposed Long-Term Actions (Continued):**

*B. Disseminate more information to the community, school district, and stakeholders regarding Orange County funded programs and services. This strategy would include working with the local media and the development of an information clearinghouse to include but not be limited to event calendars, activities, resources, etc. that could be shared with the community.*



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Prevention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #7:** Communicate Key Issues and Programs to the Community

**Proposed Long-Term Actions (Continued):**

*C. Utilize different modalities and platforms to get information directly to youth and families. This would include pushing information out on various social media outlets. Orange County could push information to the social media sites they utilize. This information could then be shared to other platforms by the agencies, non-profits, and youth to further the messaging. Additionally, having youth assist in the development of social media campaigns will allow them to have a voice and empower them in making the change in the community.*



# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force**

## **Prevention Subcommittee**

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

## Intervention Subcommittee

Chair: Candice Jones, MD

## Members:

- Charles Brown
- Chloe Johnson-Brunson
- Pastor Sabrina Jones
- Catherine Jones
- Subhash Kateel
- Miles Mulrain, Jr.





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

**Intervention Subcommittee Focus:** To promote interagency cooperation and coordination among service providers in Orange County to assist with reducing gun violence and violent crimes pertaining to youth.

**Goal:** Identify program models that will redirect the unlawful activities of youthful offenders that present a significant risk to our community.





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

**Intervention Subcommittee held four meetings and the members also participated in the Citizens Safety Task Force community meetings**

**Presentations by guest speakers, community stakeholders, and county staff:**

- **Orange County Public Schools**
- **Let Your Voice Be Heard**
- **Bridges International**
- **Credible Messengers**
- **UCSF Trauma Recovery Network**
- **Orange County Sheriff's Office**
- **K-Ready**
- **Eight Waves Corporation**





# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Intervention Subcommittee**

**Intervention Subcommittee reviewed seven recommendations and modifications/revisions were made to four recommendations:**

- Recommendation #1: Develop a detailed plan that addresses generations of neglect and poverty by formulating a 10-year vision with a systemic focus that reviews the structural changes that provide a healthy community where everyone thrives.**
- Recommendation #4: Define, develop, and fund a credible messenger's program.**
- Recommendation #5: Coordinate with mental health providers to increase the number of providers in the areas identified and require the agencies to increase their hours of operation**
- Recommendation #7: Create a realistic channel for communication with the community and the youth**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Intervention Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #1:** Develop a detailed plan that addresses generations of neglect and poverty by formulating a 3-year vision with a systemic focus that reviews the structural changes that provide a healthy community where everyone thrives.

## Proposed Short-Term Action:

**B. Enhance the family support system to include prenatal care, childcare, and early childhood education.**





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Intervention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #4:** Define, develop, and fund a credible messenger's program.

## Proposed Short-Term Action:

*D. Utilize a program that will respond during violent crisis to assist the individual and community affected by providing on going support services to individuals impacted by violent crime.*





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Intervention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #5:** Coordinate with mental health providers to increase the number of providers in the areas identified and require the agencies to increase their hours of operation.

## **Proposed Short-Term Action:**

**A. Teach and educate families, youth, and young adults on life skills programs to include peace and conflict resolution skills.**





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Intervention Subcommittee

**Recommendation #7:** Create a realistic channel for communication with the community and youth

## Proposed Short-Term Actions:

*C. Utilize billboards for enhanced communication- **DELETE***

*D. Work with the youth to create and implement a social media communication channel for peers- **DELETE***





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

## Enforcement Subcommittee

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# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force

## Enforcement Subcommittee

Chair: Sr. Judge Daniel Dawson

## Members:

- Barb Bergin
- Johnny Brinson
- Sheriff John Mina (Captain Ashley Strange)
- Chief Mike McKinley (Deputy Chief Jerome Miller)
- Chief Eric Smith (Captain Tanesha Braunskill)
- Nancy Oesch
- Ricky Ly





# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee

Enforcement Subcommittee Focus: Review data and evidence-based enforcement strategies to reduce gun violence.

Enforcement Subcommittee met three times and members participated in the Citizens Safety Task Force community meetings

Enforcement Subcommittee heard from community stakeholders, and county staff as they reviewed the recommendations

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# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee**

**Enforcement Subcommittee reviewed four recommendations and modifications/deletions were made to each recommendation and short-term and long-term actions:**

**Recommendation #1: Establish and maintain quarterly scheduled community public safety forums between law enforcement and community stakeholders over the next 12 months to review relevant data, solicit community input, and discuss and develop strategies to reduce gun/violent crimes.**

**Recommendation #2: Increase the community's and law enforcement's use of evidence-based practices and non-traditional approaches of community policing and engagement to further build public trust in communities historically distrustful of law enforcement and that are disproportionately impacted by gun/violent crimes.**



# **Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee**

**Recommendation #3: Implement public safety workshops with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders through an independent third-party facilitator.**

**Recommendation #4: Increase community awareness of Orange County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit and Orlando Police Department's Community Response Team mental health programs that provide a joint response to calls that involve mental health crisis.**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #1:** Establish and maintain a Community Ambassador (CA) Program that will be tasked with connecting community organizations, community leaders and community members as well as attend community events on behalf of the county providing details on key resources, activities and events to assist in initiatives that directly or indirectly impact crime in the community.

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

- A. Establish contacts with law enforcement and community partners to maintain awareness of ongoing community events.
- B. Continue to foster relationships and provide assistance as needed to connect them with county resources.
- C. Attend community meetings to assist in informing on county programs and services
- D. Maintain data related to meetings, follow up and track outcomes where applicable.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #2:** Use county media platforms to partner and assist law enforcement agencies in publicizing and increasing awareness of their agencies use of evidence-based practices and non-traditional approaches of community policing and engagement initiatives designed to further build public trust in communities historically distrustful of law enforcement and disproportionately impacted by gun/violent crimes.

## **Proposed Short-Term Action:**

**A.** Community Ambassador will maintain law enforcement contacts and assist with acquiring information to share on county's media platforms.



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation - Delete Recommendation #3:** Implement public safety workshops with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders through an independent third-party facilitator. - **Delete**



# Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force Enforcement Subcommittee

**Proposed Recommendation #4:** Assist Orange County Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit and Orlando Police Department's Community Response Teams, which provide a joint response to calls that involve people in mental health crisis, to increase awareness of their programs and services by using available county media platforms while also providing statistical updates on program activities.

## **Proposed Short-Term Actions:**

- A. Community Ambassador (CA) will maintain law enforcement contacts and assist with acquiring information to share on county's media platforms.
- B. CA will also maintain awareness of Orange County Government mental health initiatives and assist in communicating these initiatives via different venues and platforms.



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