

## PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE

*“In order to achieve true success and change in our community, we are going to need the support of the community. These initiatives are designed have a real impact on our communities. Dealing with Cincinnati’s crime problem will not be easy. These problems did not develop overnight, and they will not be solved overnight. Everyone one of us must step up and do what we can to reduce crime and make our neighborhoods safer.”*

- Mayor Mark Mallory

On January 19, Mayor Mark Mallory announced his public safety initiative at an afternoon press conference at the College Hill Recreation Center. The public safety initiative includes a series of proposals that focuses on areas such as collaboration with citizens and with the media, targeted policing, and truancy.

### **Parts of the initiative:**

1. ***A Mandate for Cooperation.*** We call on all citizens to partner with us in helping to reduce crime and make our city safer. Any amount of information can be helpful in combating the criminal element in our city. CRIMESTOPPERS @ 352-3040 is an extremely effective tool for passing along this information to the police and allowing you to stay anonymous if you wish to do so. We encourage everyone to “JUST MAKE THE CALL.”
2. ***Make better use of crime data.*** We are undergoing a comprehensive effort to assemble all crime data into a central database to allow for more intelligence led policing that includes conducting statistical analysis to look for patterns, allocate resources and track results. Along with this effort will be the installation of new technology that will enhance the police department’s ability to conduct more thorough analysis of crime on a daily basis and construct electronic crime mapping that will assist commanders in the deployment of resources.
3. ***Merge Vice and Drug enforcement units. 90% or more of the homicides have a vice or drug relationship.*** Combining these units better coordinates our ability to target perpetrators committing the most (violent) crimes. Restructuring our Investigations Bureau will also create a stronger relationship between Vice/Drug enforcement personnel and detectives assigned to investigate the city’s experience with Part I crimes, which include Aggravated Assault and Homicide.
4. ***Aggressively enforce forfeiture and property seizure ordinances to target mid-level drug dealers.*** Our Vice/Drug enforcement officers will specifically target mid-level drug dealers for intervention. Concurrent with the arrest of those individuals will be an aggressive campaign to seize any and all assets they have acquired through the illegal sale of drugs here in Cincinnati. These assets will help finance a continuing effort to address crime in our city and a portion of those assets will be returned to the communities most directly affected by criminal conduct.

5. ***Target the 50 most violent criminals in Cincinnati with aggressive policing strategies.*** The police department is currently working to identify the 50 most active and violent offenders in the City of Cincinnati. A comprehensive effort will be made to ensure these people are held personally accountable for each and every criminal act in which they are involved. Citizen participation in the identification of these criminals is critical to the success of this mission.
6. ***Coordinate media, CPOP, and Citizens on Patrol to target the 50 most wanted.*** Supporting the effort of capturing Cincinnati's most wanted criminals and fugitives will involve the entire community. Working with the media, citizen patrols and the efforts of CPOP we can collectively remove the criminal element in our neighborhoods.
7. ***Call on the US Attorney to increase the number of prosecutorial cases they accept from Cincinnati.*** The City of Cincinnati is asking the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio to increase the number of cases they accept for federal prosecution under Project Safe Neighborhoods. This cooperative program allows access to the federal court system that mandates longer periods of incarceration than the state system. It also helps to ensure convicted violent criminals stay off our streets for a longer period of time.
8. ***Enhance our effectiveness by strengthening our working relationship with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.*** We will work to combine resources and share information across jurisdictions in a cooperative effort for more effective law enforcement. The police department is currently working with other local, county, state and federal enforcement agencies to develop new strategies which will result in more effective investigations, increased numbers of arrests, more successful case closures and the apprehension of wanted fugitives.
9. ***Focus on truancy sweeps in hot spots.*** In partnership with the schools and the police, truancy sweeps will focus on targeted areas and get our youth off the streets, out of the criminal atmosphere and back into the learning environment of our schools and education system.

Community leaders and public officials joined with Mayor Mallory at the event, including Cincinnati City Council Members, Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas Streicher, Hamilton County Coroner Dr. O'dell Owens, Cincinnati Public Schools Superintendent Rosa Blackwell, City Manager David Rager, representatives of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Cincinnati, and Community Council Presidents.