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*Reduction of Gun Violence
Rapid Response Pilot*

WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report within the next sixty (60) days to identify ways to coordinate a rapid response pilot that coordinates across city agencies and external organizations to immediately deploy needed resources to a community where gun violence has occurred; and,

WE MOVE that the administration approach this report by focusing on communities where gun violence is occurring based on street segments and other Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) data; and,

WE MOVE that the administration identify a pilot that can activate a coordinated non law enforcement response within 24 hours of a shooting; and,

WE MOVE that this pilot begin in the West End in response to the shooting that occurred on **November 3rd, 2023**; and,

WE MOVE that this pilot program establishes a recurring protocol that is flexible and consistent in every instance of gun violence regardless of timing or location.

The administration should report back to council within sixty (60) days of passage of this motion.

This report should at minimum outline:

- Current status of city processes regarding trauma inducing incidents including but not limited to gun violence.
- Establish a phased but adaptable approach to assessing community needs immediately following a shooting. This should include how to deploy services within time frames that support evidence-based approaches: i.e. 1-3 hours, 4-6 hours, ultimately within 24 hours of a shooting.
- Critical Incidents Stress Debriefing - identify a way to build capacity for providers to deliver critical incident stress debriefing services for all those involved in responses.
- Operationalize critical communication and feedback loops that assist in problem solving and factored into long term strategies.

- How to identify and deploy a comprehensive set of resources needed for families from the community affected including but not limited to: housing, food, clothing, jobs, mental health, gun locks, and other social services
- Identify partners within the community where shooting occurred to leverage resources in this pilot and external partners who provide service across the City of Cincinnati
- Create a scaling to a pilot response that includes multiple relevant agencies within the city including the Victims Advocacy Unit, Cincinnati Health Department, and Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC)
- Establish an initiative that aides in identify deployment of resources from Cincinnati Health Department including assessing the need for Community Health Workers in instances where rapid response is needed.
- Identify a strategy with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) that aligns with a trauma-informed wrap-around approach when these incidents occur, specifically CPS schools where children from an impacted community attend. Ensure that the city's programs through Cincinnati Rec Centers (CRC) are identifying training opportunities and resources to help children through these incidents. We should ensure that any agency or organization that would have contact with the community affected has proper resources for youth.
- A comprehensive way to compile overlaid data after a shooting that include but not limited to:
 - Climate Equity Indicators of an area where the incident occurred.
 - Social factors including median income, educational attainment, infant mortality rate, life expectancy, community investments.
 - Community asset mapping and investment opportunities to enhance safety that can ultimately be identified as a Third Space
- Built in pre-during-post event evaluation that eventually aligns with long term strategies through Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis approach according to Resolution: 0011-2022
- Opportunities and resources to support city employees with trauma informed care as frontline responders to incidents of gun violence including but not limited to: CPD, Cincinnati Fire Department, and social workers.
- Identify all costs that would be associated with this program.

STATEMENT

While violence continues to harm the innocence of Cincinnatians, our communities continue to feel the pain well after the incident. With the introduction of a Rapid Response Program, we will be able to support community members through the pain of trauma inducing incidents. Cincinnati is committed to ending the epidemic that is gun violence and it begins with ensuring that our communities are well taken care of after traumatic incidents.

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