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## IN THE NEWS

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### [96 MS-13 gang members, associates charged in LI investigation, DA says](#)

(CBCR Site) In Suffolk County, nine leaders of local MS-13 cliques, along with nearly 90 ranking members were arrested- marking the largest takedown of this nature for a group that has long terrorized parts of Long Island. Although this is a remarkable success, local officials say the investigation into this gang is still ongoing.

### [Afterschool Key to Preventing Juvenile Crime, But Too Often Isn't Available](#)

New research from *Fight Crime: Invest in Kids*, a part of the Council for a Strong America, shows that the hours after school can be hazardous for unsupervised youth. Using original data and FBI statistics, the group found that the four hours after school lets out (2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), a time when many parents are still at work, is a time when youth are most likely to get in trouble with the police.

### [Cincinnati Set to Triple the Use of ShotSpotter Technology in 2020](#)

(CBCR Site) ShotSpotter, a technology that can recognize and report the sound of gunfire, is set to expand into six new Cincinnati neighborhoods this coming year. Its installation in the Avondale neighborhood led to a 50% reduction in shootings. While many support the use of this new technology, opponents question the tool's effectiveness. In at least one locality, this technology was banned after missing some gunshots.

### [From above, Miami-Dade police drone recorded crack cocaine sale live. It's a first, cops say](#)

(CBCR Site) Traditionally Police surveillance "[came] from a cop hiding in a tree, an unmarked car or a nearby building." However, in a recent drug bust in Miami-Dade County, surveillance came from a drone 3100-feet in the air. This is the first time Miami-Dade police have used a drone to capture real-time evidence for a criminal investigation, and it likely won't be the last time.

### [How 2 Milwaukee Visual Artists are Working to Reduce Gun Violence in the City](#)

(CBCR Site) Two Milwaukee artists have launched a poster campaign that local officials hope will deter gun violence in the city. Through a partnership with Clear Channel Outdoor and the Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention, [Guns Down Miltown](#), Denzel Johnson and Gideon Verdin created images now featured at eight bus shelters scattered throughout the city. Verdin stated that "the images are designed to combat the negative images young people are exposed to every day through TV and social media."

### [In New Approach to Policing, St. Louis Cops get Partners on Patrol](#)

(CBCR Site) Shamika Richardson was the victim of a home invasion, where two men forcibly entered her house, terrorized her family, and stuck a gun in her mouth. Within eight hours of the crime 19-year-old, Shamika Richardson, was answering questions from two volunteer community health workers interested in connecting her with social services. They accompanied St. Louis officers and asked her about her education plans, access to transportation, childcare, and career aspirations.

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## [Novel partnership between police and theatre group leads to huge crime reduction in Peterhead](#)

The Modo performing arts group has teamed with the Peterhead police department in a new initiative at Drummer's circle aimed at battling anti-social behavior with the youth. Since the initiative began, vandalism has decreased by nearly 50% at targeted "troubled spots." In 2016, Modo circus created an "encounter café" to show troubled youth a new way of living.

## [Police praise 'Smart Street Light' program as a crime-solving tool; wary critics want more oversight](#)

San Diego police are praising a new technology that places cameras in streetlights, calling it "a highly effective tool". Police Chief Nisleit even referred to them as "a game-changer." There is at least one example of this technology providing the evidence to catch a killer.

## [Residents' concerns lead to major Kensington drugs, guns bust: Police](#)

(CBCR Site) Recently, a sting in the Kensington area led to the arrest of over 200 suspected dealers and the seizure of military-style assault weapons, and illegal drugs, including cocaine, crack-cocaine, methamphetamine, synthetic marijuana, and heroin. In total, the seized drugs are worth almost \$600,000. All this stemmed from police listening to local residents. Police stated that "with help from the FBI and DEA, [we] conducted the operation in the past week, following complaints from residents in Kensington and Fairhill."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### [FY 2019 STOP School Violence Grant Manager](#)

**Application Due Date:** March 3, 2020

This grant program is meant to give teachers, students, and school security the tools needed to recognize and respond to violence. The objectives are to "increase school safety by implementing training and school threat assessments and/or intervention teams to identify school violence risks among students; technological solutions such as anonymous reporting technology that can be implemented as a mobile phone-based app, a hotline, or a website in the applicant's geographic area to enable students, teachers, faculty, and community members to anonymously identify threats of school violence; or other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence." For more information, click [here](#).



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## Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program

**Application Due Date:** March 11, 2020

This is a competitive grant program for local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies aimed at promoting community policing. This grant will fund pilot projects or demonstrations that promote creative ideas that support community policing. The grant announcement lists ten key focus areas. For more information, click [here](#).

## Criminal Justice Reform Grants

**Application Due Date:** Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis

The Charles Koch Foundation is requesting grant proposals for research related to criminal justice reform. Their areas of interest include criminal justice diversion programs, bail reform efforts, overcriminalization, and early contact with the Criminal Justice systems. For a full list of topics, or to read more, click [here](#).

## TRANSLATING THE RESEARCH

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### Law Enforcement Looks to Research to Help Fight the Opioid Crisis

Although law enforcement agencies have developed tools and initiatives around the opioid crisis, federal agencies see the need for a comprehensive national response, drawing from promising local initiatives as well as new ideas. The goal of this response is to decrease the impact of the opioid crisis on a national level. The research arm of the Department of Justice (DOJ), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), recently released a report that highlights promising practices, identifies gaps in research, and reviews challenges related to the opioid crisis.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Basic Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

**Date:** February 17-21, 2020

Over the course of five days (40 hours total), attendees will learn about “basic CPTED concepts of proper design and effective use of the physical environment to achieve a more productive use of space and a reduction in crime.” Click [here](#) to register.



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## Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO)

**Date:** Week One: February 24-28, 2020/ Week Two: March 23-27, 2020/ Week Three: April 20-24, 2020  
Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) is the flagship IACP leadership development training program. LPO is modeled after the training concept of dispersed leadership (“every officer a leader”) and delivers modern behavioral science concepts and theories uniquely tailored to the law enforcement environment. The LPO program is a three-week training that takes place one week per month over three consecutive months. Week one examines leading individuals, week two examines leading groups, and week three examines leading organizations. Click [here](#) to register.

## Officer Safety & Wellness Symposium

**Date:** February 27-29, 2020

Improving officer safety and wellness enhances the health and effectiveness of officers, as well as the safety of the community. This symposium is for law enforcement professionals to learn from experts in the field about vicarious trauma and strengthening resiliency. Participants will learn about financial wellness, injury prevention, peer support programs, physical fitness, proper nutrition, sleep deprivation, stress, mindfulness, suicide prevention, and more. Click [here](#) to register.

## IACP Technology Conference

**Date:** May 12-14, 2020

The IACP Technology Conference is a professional law enforcement event bringing together leading practitioners to explore unlimited opportunities for law enforcement to apply the latest technology to create efficient solutions to old problems and to keep pace with sophisticated cyber-enabled crimes. The 2019 conference featured 1,000 attendees, 50+ educational presentations, and 85 industry-leading exhibitors. Click [here](#) to register.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

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### Building Resilience in the face of the Opioid Crisis: The Power of Trauma-informed Communities

**Date** January 28, 2020; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

During this webinar, the presenters will discuss three counties in Ohio that have adopted the Trauma-Informed Community model. They will highlight the impact this change has had on locals, first-responders, and local organizations. This is the final webinar in a series on Ohio initiatives targeting the opioid epidemic. Click [here](#) to register.



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## [STOP School Violence Solicitation](#)

**Date:** January 29, 2020; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

This webinar, created through a partnership between the National Center for School Safety and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), will review the specific elements of the grant solicitation and provide more detailed information. Click [here](#) to register.

## [Upcoming solicitations from the Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#)

**Date:** January 30, 2020; 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

This webinar will highlight upcoming funding opportunities from BJA. During the first half of the webinar, the presenter will discuss three Forensics-based programs. During the second half, the presenter will discuss four Investigations-based programs. Click [here](#) to register.

## [Humanizing Policing: 8 Steps That Build Community Confidence and Promote Officer Safety](#)

**Date:** March 19, 2020; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

The objective of the 8 steps for Humanizing Policing is to help law enforcement agencies create an organizational structure that promotes the application of police training teachings around reform. “Like W. Edward Deming’s 14 Points for promoting Quality Management, the 8 Steps toward Humanizing Policing can help build an ongoing management approach that promotes mutual respect between the police and the community that will protect the lives and well-being of all of us.” Click [here](#) to register.

## ONLINE LEARNING

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### [Building Community Leadership for Sustainable Crime Reduction](#)

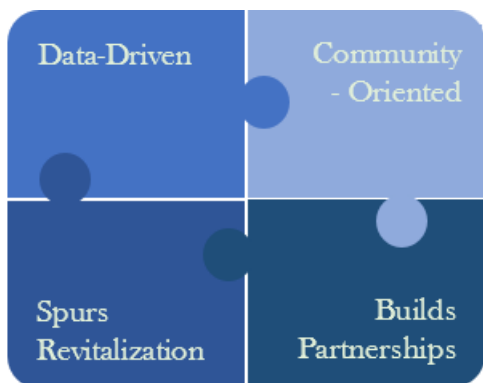
Representatives of the CBCR sites in Brownsville (Brooklyn) and Seattle CBCR discuss the fundamentals of meaningful community engagement and how they have involved residents in decision-making about crime reduction strategies.

### [Combining Revitalization and Community Safety](#)

Leaders from the Austin and Dayton CBCR sites describe how they addressed crime associated with vacant properties, ranging from residential homes to large undeveloped areas of land. The discussion covers the potential for driving physical and economic revitalization in conjunction with crime reduction efforts.

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## The CBCR Model

Across the nation, CBCR sites connect diverse stakeholders- including residents, researcher partners, law enforcement, and service providers- to identify crime drivers and promote strategies that reduce crime, increase collective efficacy, and build trust between communities and police.

**Data-Driven:** CBCR targets hot spots- micro places with spatial and temporal crime concentrations. Researchers are engaged with helping sites identify challenges, assess solutions, and measure progress.

**Community-Oriented:** CBCR allows residents to lead the charge in identifying problems, selecting strategies, and developing safer communities.

**Spurs Revitalization:** CBCR focuses on problem priorities, unemployment, transit barriers, and service gaps related to crime.

**Builds Partnerships:** CBCR uses the resources of public, non-profit, and community leaders to create strategies to combat longstanding crime problems.

***Do you have something you would like featured in the Community-Based Crime Reduction Bulletin?***

***Share information, resources, and news across all the Community-Based Crime Reduction sites by emailing Zac Onufrychuk at [onufrychuk@theiacp.org](mailto:onufrychuk@theiacp.org).***

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