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MPD launches the 2023 Operation Summer Guardian

MILWAUKEE, WI— Today, July 5, 2023, the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) announced the 2023 launch of the second annual Operation Summer Guardian initiative to address gun violence. Prior to launching, MPD convened with the Medical College of Wisconsin who completed an analysis of the initiative from 2022.

MPD incorporated key recommendations from that feedback which include a focus in hotspot areas developed from an evaluation of not just ShotSpotter data, but also an analysis of non-fatal shootings, homicides and shots fired calls. We also enhanced community feedback throughout the process that included a pre-deployment survey and a post-deployment survey.

MPD will have ongoing discussions with our intergovernmental and community partners during the Operation. In addition, we also created a forum for follow up to ensure our efforts best support the neighborhoods we are serving.

Based on the data-driven analysis, there will be an increased police presence to address the violence in 27 neighborhoods within Police Districts 2, 3, 4,5 and 7. The neighborhoods are Amani, Arlington Heights, Borchert Field, Fairfield, Forest Home Hills, Franklin Heights, Hampton Heights, Historic Mitchell Street, Lincoln Creek, Lincoln Village, Metcalfe Park, Midtown, Muskego Way, North Division, Old North Milwaukee, Roosevelt Groove, Saint Joseph's, Sherman Park, Silver Swann, Sunset Heights, Thurston Woods, Triangle North, Valhalla, Wahl Park, Walker's Point, Walnut Hill and Washington Park.

MPD's response and enforcement strategies will be consistent with the standards of Constitutional Policing and guided by MPD's Code of Conduct. Officers engaged in Operation Summer Guardian attended special training to ensure compliance with the Collins settlement agreement.

MPD has seen an increase in youth victims and suspects involved in violent crime. It is everyone's responsibility to be a positive example for our children. This year's deployment will have a renewed focus on curfew enforcement and parental responsibility. If your child is out after hours without a valid reason and is involved in an incident, we will cite you. Parents and guardians help us keep your children safe. Know where your children are, and do your part to keep firearms out of the hands of our youth.

The Milwaukee Police Department is committed to working with our community to build sustainable healthy neighborhoods, free of crime and maintained by positive relationships. Together, we are better!

For more information, please visit: <https://mkepdpio.org/home/operation-summer-guardian/>

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