

# Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Education & Human Services Committee Meeting  
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# Presentation Overview

- Overview of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP)
- Citywide Effort
- GVPI Framework
- Crime Analysis
- Current Initiatives

# About the Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP)

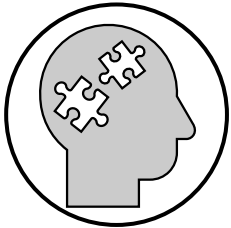
- Citywide leadership initiative to unify and coordinate the City of Richmond's violence reduction strategies
- Aims to implement a coordinated and holistic approach to reducing community violence
- Multi-partner strategy to intentionally disrupt community violence by investing in prevention, healing, and opportunity creation
- Improving communication and coordination among stakeholders and eliminating silos across city departments and community partners
- Promoting a citywide strategy that reflects the values and needs of Richmond's communities through this initiative



# Laying the Foundation



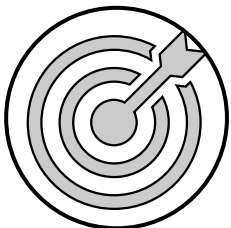
Mayor Avula established the OGVP to **unify and coordinate violence reduction efforts** across the city



Strategic Evaluation with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to **map all existing violence prevention initiatives, identify gaps, and develop metrics**



Developing a **preliminary crime analysis** in collaboration with RPD, DJS, DOC and DJJ



Focus on **strategic program development** to building off current initiatives and advance promising practices (e.g. cure violence, focused deterrence, and HVIPP)

# Coordinated Citywide Effort

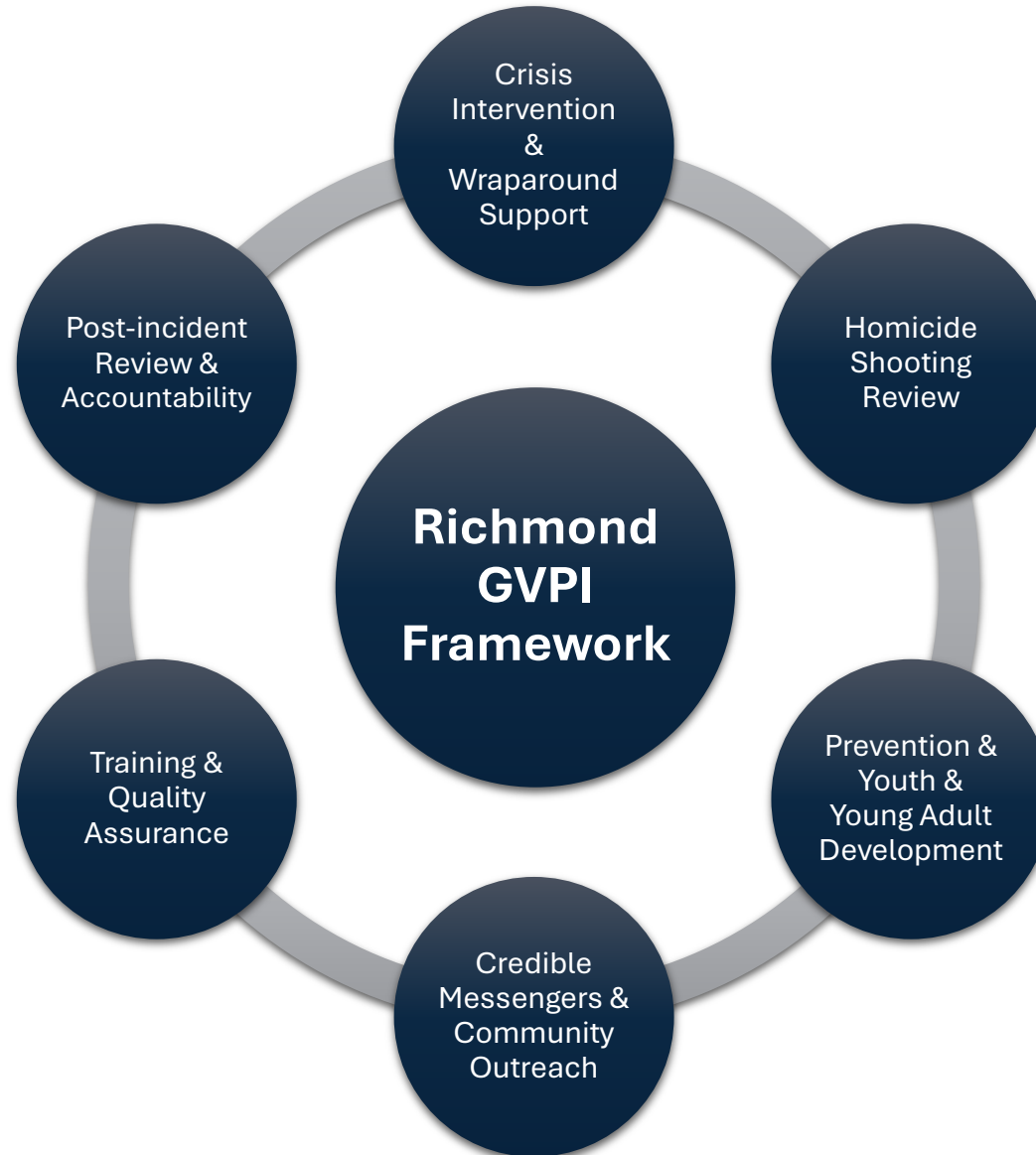


## GVPI Steering Committee

- RPS
- RPD
- VCU
- RBHA
- RRHA
- DSS
- MCV
- DP&R
- DCJS
- VDH
- RSO



# Richmond GVPI Framework



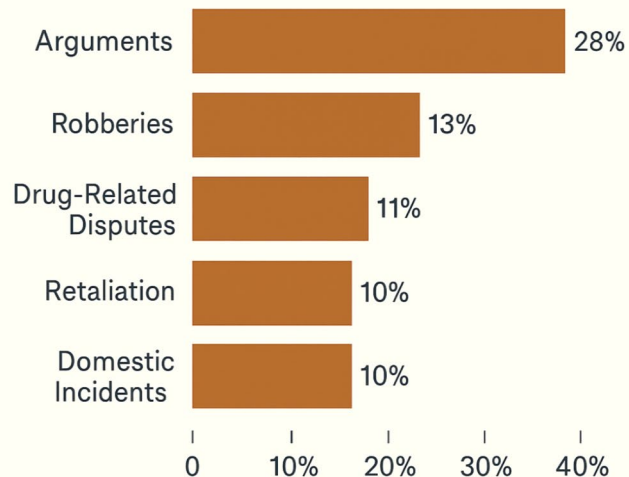


# Crime Analysis

## FIREARM-RELATED HOMICIDES: CIRCUMSTANCES

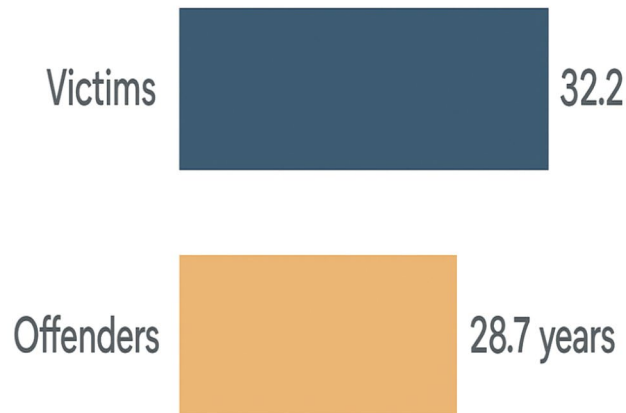
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The leading drivers of firearm homicides was arguments (28%), followed by robberies (13%), drug-related disputes (11%), retaliation (10%), and domestic incidents (10%). Smaller but notable portions involved innocent bystanders, drug robberies, and gang activity. These findings suggest a mix of personal disputes and opportunistic crimes driving lethal violence.



## HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS BY AGE

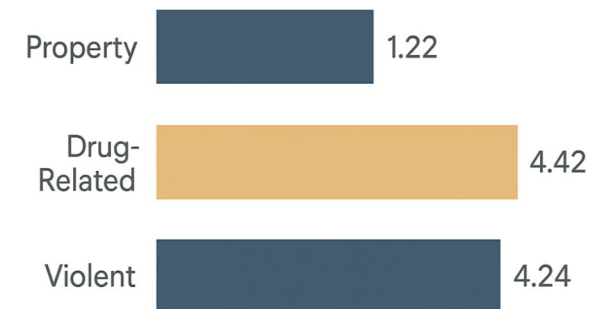
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## HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS: PRIOR OFFENSE BY TYPE

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Both victims and offenders often had prior criminal histories, but offenders showed more extensive and violent records.



Offenders had the highest averages in drug-related (4.42) and violent (4.24) crimes, indicating a pattern of repeat high-risk behavior among those who commit homicides.

# Crime Analysis

## JUVENILE OFFENSE BY SEVERITY(2020-2024)

Class	Offense	Percentage
Felony	• Assaults	20%
Misdemeanor	• Weapon	39%
	• Larceny	23%

## RISK LEVELS FOR PROBATION PLACEMENTS (FY 2024)

High	Moderate	Low	Missing
26.3%	60%	12.5%	1.3%

## JUVENILE SUPERVISION PLACEMENTS (FY 2024)

2024	Probation Placement	Probation Releases	Probation LOS
13 <sup>th</sup> CSU	80	98	368

## JUVENILE OFFENDERS BY AGE

- Since 2022, **older teens—especially ages 15 and 17—make up most juvenile system contact**
- Minimal intake among children under 13
- **Mid-teens show an increasing trend**, suggesting the need for targeted interventions for youth in mid to late adolescence



# Crime Analysis

## Adult Offense Data

2023	Male	Female	White	Black	Other
Poss. With intent	421	33	115	301	38
Assault and Batter Family Member	212	182	90	179	125
Larceny	166	89	121	130	4
Poss. Firearm by convicted felon	88	2	21	68	1
Probation Violation	99	22	43	58	0
2024	Male	Female	White	Black	Other
Poss. With intent	433	48	115	344	22
Assault and Batter Family Member	221	197	93	171	154
Larceny	184	61	62	168	15
Poss. Of Firearm by Convicted Felon	112	3	29	84	2
Probation Violation	123	14	54	83	0

## Key Takeaways

- **Assault and battery** charges remain high and **gender-balanced**, while **firearm possession offenses remain predominantly male and disproportionately Black**.
- The "Other" racial category continues to reflect a **significant and growing portion** of assault-related charges.
- **Firearm charges rose from 90 in 2023 to 115 in 2024**, marking a notable increase in pretrial firearm cases.
- The data suggests need for **targeted violence intervention efforts** and growing engagement around domestic-related offenses across all groups

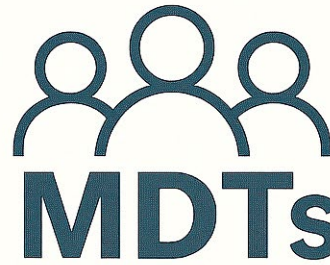
# Risk Factor Analysis



- **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR**
- **SUBSTANCE USE**
- **EDUCATION**
- **ANTI-SOCIAL PEERS**
- **FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS**
- **PROSOCIAL ACTIVITIES**
- **EMPLOYMENT**

# Current Initiatives

## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS



bring together cross-sector  
professionals—including



PROBATION  
OFFICERS



BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH PROVIDERS



EDUCATORS



CASE  
MANAGERS



COMMUNITY-BASED  
SERVICE PROVIDERS



CREDIBLE  
MESSENGERS

# Current Initiatives



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## Common Issues

Lighting, visibility, debris, landscaping, and code violations

## Findings Shared

Findings shared with DPW, Planning, Code Enforcement, RPD, and OGVP for follow-up action

## Results Used

Results used to prioritize hotspot areas and shape pilot discussion



## 15 CPTED ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED

1. 2300 Bethel Street
2. 2400 Whitcomb Street
3. 1300 Coalter Street
4. 1500 Clarkson Road
5. 1500 Harwood Avenue
6. 3400 Walmsley Boulevard
7. 4000 Midlothian Turnpike
8. 600 Westover Hills Boulevard
9. 2900 Chamberlayne Avenue
10. 2100 Ford Avenue
11. 1400 Jennie Scher Road
12. 1500–1900 Mechanicsville Turnpike
13. 00 E. Hill Street
14. 1000 Saint Paul Street
15. Mount Olive Baptist Church



# Current Initiatives

## Safer Communities Grant Program



# OGVP Community Engagement

## Falling for the Culture - Sept 21, 2025

- Hosted by OGVP & RPD
- Promoted community awareness, peace and unity
- Live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and meaningful conversations





# Questions

