

# LIVE

The Louisville Initiative for Violence Eradication (LIVE) is a comprehensive violent crime reduction program spearheaded by Pegasus Institute in 2017. LIVE seeks to address the social, cultural, and environmental conditions that lead to increases in violent crime.

The prime drivers of this violence are a small number of repeat offenders with gang or street group ties. Our policies must reflect this reality.



## **Focused deterrence policing:**

- Metro Police must identify Louisville's most dangerous individuals and groups.
- Metro Police must then target these groups for increased police and community engagement, communicate to these groups that streets are not theirs anymore, provide resources for those who want to exit gang life.
- The remaining individuals/groups should be targeted for additional scrutiny. Individuals may commit a violent crime, but the group dynamic promotes violence.
- The ultimate goal is to remove these violent individuals from the community using all lawful measures.
- Focused deterrence policing strategies have reduced gang related murder in cities by as much as 63% and average reductions above 30%.



## **Urban core revitalization:**

- Research has shown that blocks with abandoned buildings have twice the crime rate as comparable blocks without abandoned buildings.
- We will overlay abandoned building maps with crime data maps to identify priority buildings for tear down.
- Metro-owned structures, identified as crime attractors, should be torn down in favor of vacant lots. Vacant lots, while not ideal, do not have the same crime attraction as abandoned buildings.
- We will work with Metro government to establish a second path in abandoned property demolition requests that considers crime.



## **Shining a light on our neighborhoods:**

- Crime lurks in the dark, we plan to work with LG&E to address street light outages and areas with inadequate lighting.
- We will again overlay outage and "dark spot" data with crime maps to determine the areas most in need of new lighting.
- Improved lighting has shown to reduce (1) fear of crime in the affected area; (2) overall crime in the affected area and; (3) property crime in the affected area.



## **Gang Enhancements:**

- Recognizing that most of the violence in Louisville is perpetuated by gangs, the Kentucky State Legislature must pass a gang enhancement law. We will work with Legislators to narrowly tailor the law to appropriately address the violent population within criminal street gangs.
- Research shows that appropriately tailored enhancements can have a deterrent effect that reduces the related violence by approximately 5%