

NATIONAL NETWORK
FOR
SAFE COMMUNITIES



Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy

WHY ARE WE HERE?



VRS STRATEGY SUMMARY

- **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL OPERATING SINCE 1995 (BOSTON CEASEFIRE MODEL)**
- **SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN DOZENS OF CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY (IMPLEMENTED IN CHICAGO IN 2009)**
- **STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, ACADEMIA AND THE COMMUNITY**

VRS MISSION

The Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy is a collaborative approach bringing law enforcement, community members and social service agencies together to reduce group/gang related shootings and homicides in the local community.

VRS TERMINOLOGY TO LEARN...

FOCUSED DETERRANCE

PULLING LEVERS

POLICE LEGITIMACY

PROCEDURAL JUSTICE

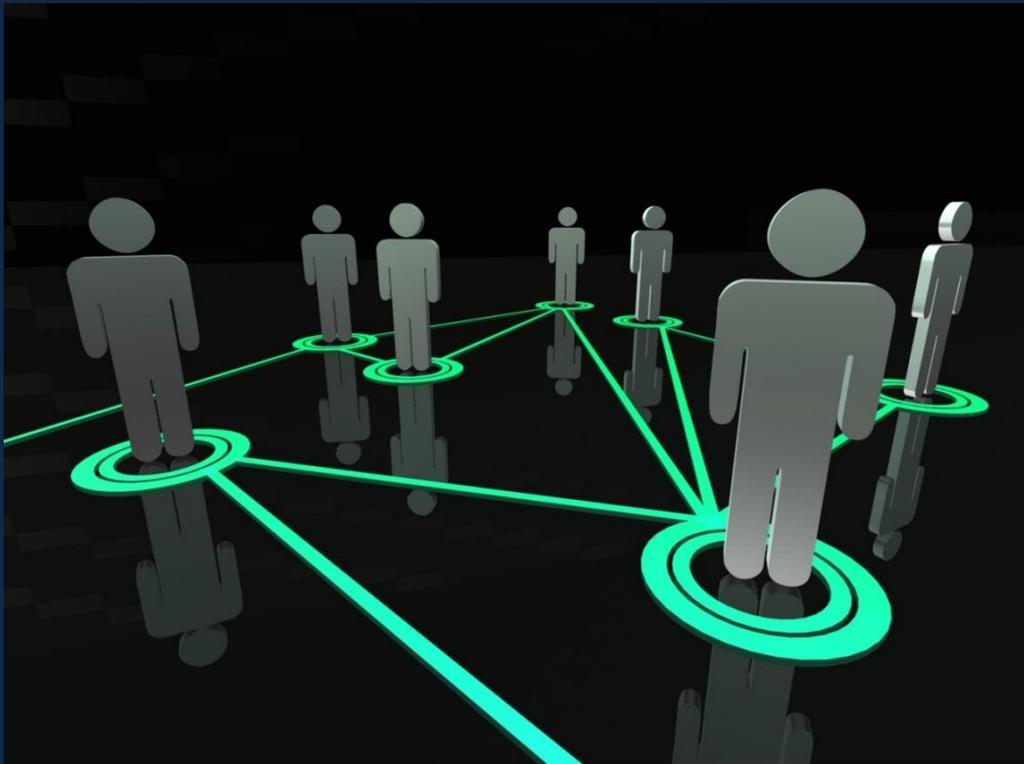
RACIAL RECONCILIATION

SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY MORAL VOICE

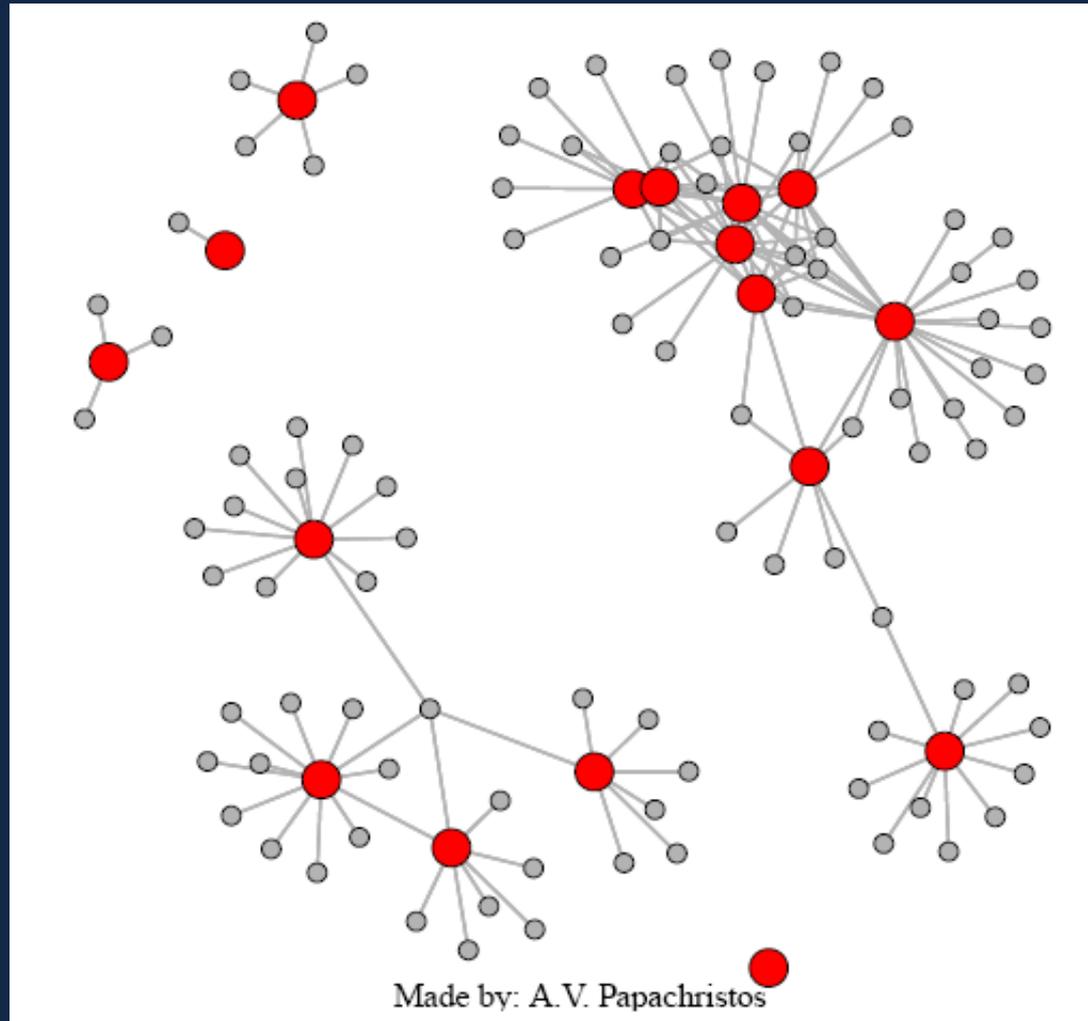
EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES

A NEW TOOL: SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS



A growing science that studies the ways in which people are linked and how such interconnections affect behavior.

BLACK SOULS SOCIAL NETWORK



The focus is on the whole group, not individual members

VRS OBJECTIVES

- TO REDUCE GROUP/GANG VIOLENCE BY CONVEYING A SINGLE MORAL VOICE DIRECTLY TO THE PERPETRATORS OF THE SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES.
- TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE OF IMMEDIATE CHANGE, ONGOING SUPPORT AND SWIFT ACCOUNTABILITY VIA ALL STAKEHOLDERS.
- TO ENCOURAGE RECONCILIATION AND TRUST AMONGST ALL STAKEHOLDERS THAT FOSTERS COLLABORATION TOWARD THIS COMMON GOAL.

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ONE UNIFIED MESSAGE.....

**“THE VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ANYMORE.”**

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- **CALL IN GROUP/GANG MEMBERS TO DELIVER MESSAGE**
 - LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARES THE RESPONSE TO GUN VIOLENCE: SHOOTINGS BRING ATTENTION TO THE WHOLE GROUP/GANG
 - **COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHARE** THE PAIN THAT THE VIOLENCE CAUSES, THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE REDEMPTION THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH CHANGE
 - **SERVICE PROVIDERS OFFER** HELP TO ALL ATTENDEES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES
- **THIS IS...**
 - ...NOT A NEGOTIATION
 - ...NOT A DIALOG
 - ...NOT A CONSPIRACY CASE
 - ...NOT A ROUND UP

WE WILL KEEP OUR PROMISES!

VRS CYCLE



HEAR THIS...

THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT TOLERATE THE VIOLENCE.

3 PROMISES:

- 1. THE NEXT GANG THAT SHOOTS/KILLS SOMEONE IN THE TARGETED DISTRICT WILL GET THE SPOTLIGHT.**
- 2. THE MOST VIOLENT GANG WILL GET OUR FOCUSED ATTENTION.**
- 3. ANYONE WHO WANTS HELP TO CHANGE THEIR LIFE CAN GET IT.**

SHARE THIS...

VRS OUTCOMES

- **JOHN JAY COLLEGE CENTER FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL –** WORKS WITH THE COLLABORATION PARTNERS TO COORDINATE THE STRATEGY WITH THE INTENTION OF BUILDING IT INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
- **ACADEMIC PARTNERS** FROM JOHN JAY COLLEGE, YALE LAW SCHOOL AND YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ARE INVOLVED WITH STRATEGIC DESIGN, DATA ANALYSIS AND OUTCOME REPORTS.
- **CURRENT PROGRAM RESULTS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:**
 - 30- 40% REDUCTIONS IN GROUP VIOLENCE IN TARGETED DISTRICTS
 - STRATEGY IS OPERATIONAL IN 4 DISTRICTS LOCALLY, AND 9 STATES AND MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS NATIONALLY

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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