IACP Smaller Law Enforcement Agency Technical Assistance Program

Smaller Agency Conference Track 2015

Serving the Leaders of Today, Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow

Combating Addiction and Building Great Neighborhoods through Collaboration, Innovation and Research.

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Project VISION

We believe in Rutland

Transforming Rutland – Our Remarkable Story

1. Overview of Project VISION
   - Community engagement strategy
2. The Vision Center – Bricks and Mortar
   - Non-traditional Partners
3. Intel-led Policing
   - It's all about the data
4. A view from the Street
   – DMI and High-risk Offender compliance

What's in a Name?

- March 2012 marks the beginning
- Cross-sector Collaborative community partnership
- (300 members)
- Police Chief James Baker and community decision makers
- Project VISION Viable Initiatives & Solutions Involving Neighborhoods

From Catastrophe to Community

- Police Department trust issues and community expectations led to “hard policing”
- Community tipping point:

  Carly Ferro, 17, died Sept. 26, 2012, walking to her car when Alex Spanos hit her at 80 mph after huffing computer cleaning agent

We All Believe in RUTLAND!

- Practitioner – Researcher relationship
- Relationship building
- “Project VISION” grant proposal to BCJI

From Adversity, A Hopeful *VISION*

- Front Porch Meetings
- Coffee with the Chief
- Media outreach
- Monthly meetings and hundreds of volunteers
- Sectors assignments
- Grassroots outreach
- Faith community

Walking the Walk

- Strategic Planning: Mission, Vision, and Values
- Reducing individual silos, improving collaboration and information sharing
- Block parties, community pride, and “get to know” your neighbors
- Planting events and curb appeal

Greater than the Sum of its Parts

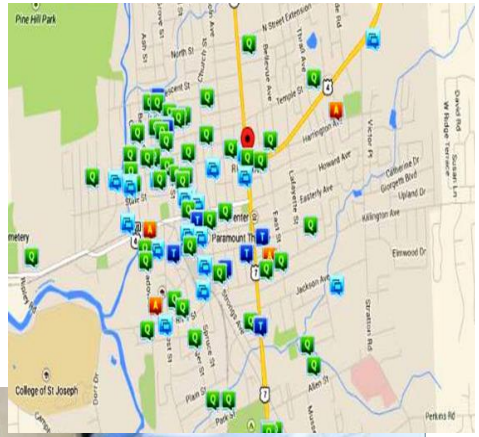
- Crime and Safety
- Substance Abuse: Treatment and Prevention
- Community, Housing, and Neighborhoods

VISION Center
An Orchestra in Perfect Harmony

- Executive Director
  "Conductor of the Orchestra"
- Disparate Partners
  - Relationship building
  - Leveraging Resources
- Data Analysis
- Community Response Team

It’s all about the DATA

- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Crime Research Group (strategic)
- RutStat
- Mapping
- Analysis



Analytical Services Unit

POLICE

RUTLAND VERMONT

RUTLAND CITY POLICE DEPT

It's all about Sharing the DATA

- Street Intel from Patrol
- Shared (as close to) real-time
- 5 seizure / arrests
- 2 supporting investigations

It's all about the DATA-SHARING

Location
Neighborhood
Activities

It’s all about the DATA

- Information Sharing –

Better to give than to receive

A View from the Street

- DMI – Eliminating the Drug Market
  - Disruption, “Radioactive”
- Working with the Alphabets
  - SVDTF, FBI, DEA, VSP, RCPD, BCI, DOC
- Real time Information Sharing

A View from the Street

Drug Marketplace Intervention

- Community Education
- Arrests
- Call-in
- Drug Treatment Court
- Maintenance
- Disruption

A View from the Street

Compliance

- High risk offenders identified
- Force multipliers - P&P
- P&P team patrolling with LE
- Real time information flow (game changer)

- Human Trafficking
- Domestic Violence

Directed Patrols - Knock & Talks

Honorable Mentions

- Yes!
- Immediate results
- Fidelity to the model
- Change and Negotiation
- Researchers and practitioners
- Volunteerism and the “squeaky wheel”

Dedicated
In Loving Memory of Carly Ferro
Purple Angel Foundation
"Be Kinder Than Necessary!"

Questions?

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