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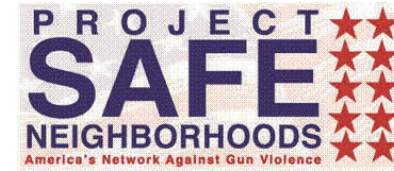
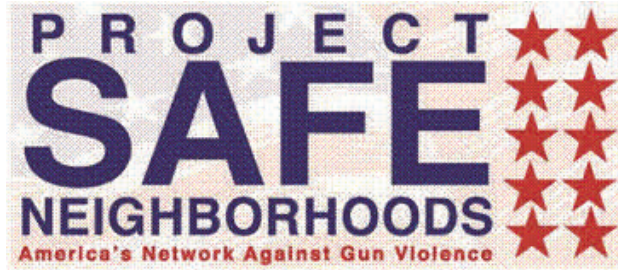
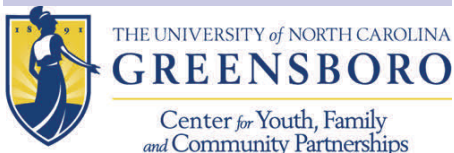
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Project SAFE
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Project SAFE Neighborhoods is a partnership between community representatives and probation, prosecutors, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system in the Middle District of North Carolina.

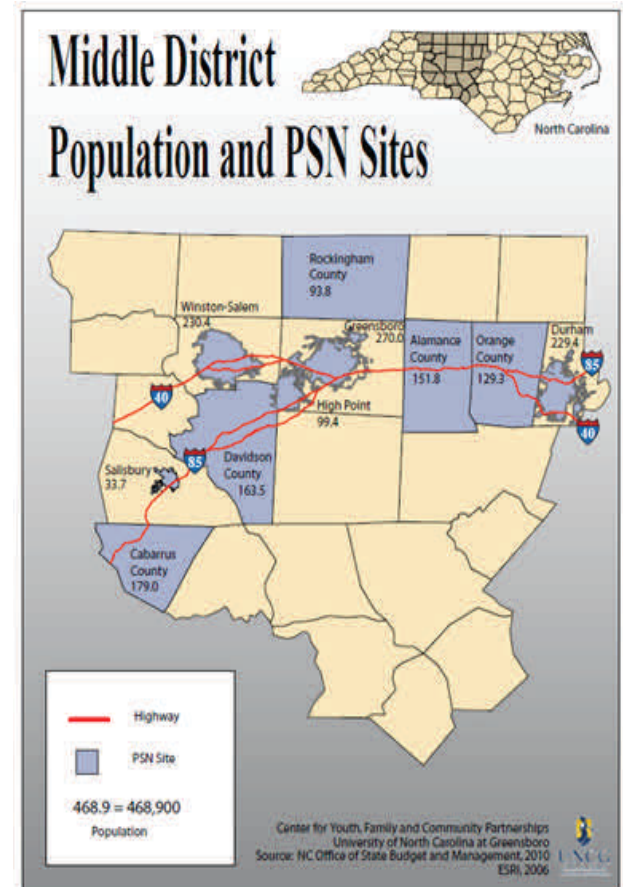
THE GOAL

To improve the quality of life for *all* residents of the Middle District of North Carolina by employing a comprehensive district-wide strategy to reduce gang-related violent crime and illegal gun possession.

THE PLAN

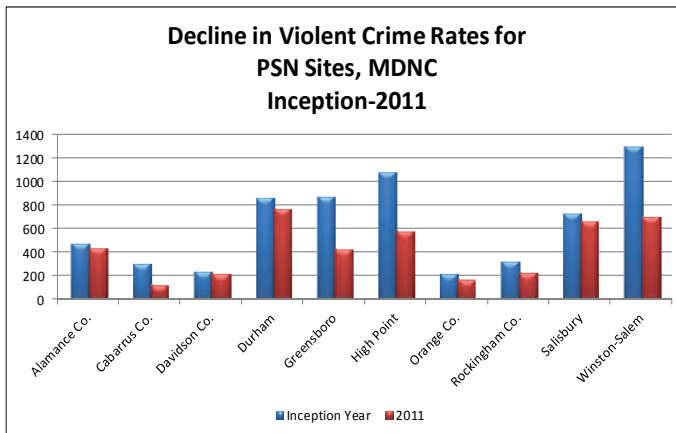
- To identify repeat, violent individual and/or group offenders, particularly those who illegally possess and use firearms.
- To notify those identified that it is time to stop the violence.
- To assist those who want to change their lifestyle.
- To respond aggressively to acts of violence.
- To vigorously prosecute in State and Federal court those involved in group and gang-related, violent, or serious criminal behavior.
- To review every individual, group or gang-related gun or ammunition case for State or Federal prosecution.

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A Partnership between Community and Law Enforcement to reduce gun and gang-related violent crime and to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Middle District of North Carolina

Across the Middle District, over fifty law enforcement agencies are working with nearly 200 community resource agencies using PSN strategies to reduce violent gun and gang crime. As a result of these efforts, over 200 offender notification meetings have been held, reaching over 3,500 offenders with the message that **violence by those offenders or members of their groups will not be tolerated.**



THE MESSAGE

This **IS NOT** a promise to forgive offenders for serious criminal activity in the past...it is not immunity!

It **IS** a strategy to *vigorously* prosecute violent, chronic and gang-involved offenders who continue to engage in violent activity or illegal gun possession.

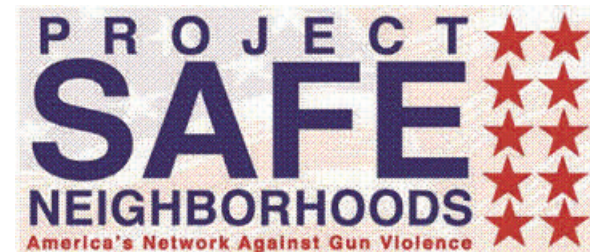
It **IS** an *offer by the community* to assist those who want to change their lifestyles by connecting them with available resources.

NO VIOLENCE

Project SAFE—The Middle District of North Carolina, including District Attorney’s Offices, Community Corrections, US Attorney’s Office, and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, will work to aggressively deal with anyone who illegally carries guns, commits violent acts, or associates with groups that use violence to further criminal activity.

NO GUNS

If you are a convicted felon under Federal Law, you cannot possess any type of firearm or even ammunition in or affecting interstate commerce—*anytime, anywhere, for any reason.*



Collaborative law enforcement and community efforts have reduced the rates of violent crime in our communities between 7.8% and 60.9% ¹**

PSN Site (Inception Year)	Violent Crime Rate at Inception	Violent Crime Rate 2011	Percent Change
Alamance Co. (2007)	470.4	433.7	-7.8
Cabarrus Co. (2006)	294.8	115.3	-60.9
Davidson Co.*	231.2	213.0	-7.9
Durham (2003)	864.2	764.6	-11.5
Greensboro (2000)	870.0	422.1	-51.5
High Point (1998)	1080.1	572.6	-47.0
Orange Co. (2009)	210.2	161.8	-23.0
Rockingham Co.*	318.9	218.6	-31.5
Salisbury (2003)	730.5	661.3	-9.5
Winston-Salem (1999)	1309.2	697.8	-46.7

*PSN implemented in 2011, so year 2010 used for comparison

¹www.ncdoj.gov/Crime/View-Crime-Statistics.aspx
 **Violent crime rate is total number of murders, aggravated assaults, armed robberies, and rapes per 100,000 people



What is a Notification?

Violent repeat offenders are ‘called-in’ to meet with community representatives, law enforcement, and community resource providers to receive the messages that violence must stop; a resource delivery structure is in place to support those who need assistance to change their behavior; and that if any notified individual commits a violent ‘trigger incident’ (as defined by the site) they will receive swift law enforcement sanctions.