



Targeted Crime Reduced

Pittsburgh City Police Department Deputy Chief Nathan Harper reports that crime and violence on the North Side and Hill District have dropped off – and he credits at least some of the drop to One Vision One Life. One Vision One Life (1V1L) staff meet monthly and talk regularly with the City Police Department to review crime statistics, share information about hotspots, and develop opportunities to work together. The relationship is strong and fluid: The police call and request our presence at a swimming pool or on a problematic corner and likewise we call the police and request their presence at high-risk events.

One Vision One Life focuses on the type of violence that drives local homicides rates. When homicide rates are high, like in 1993 or 2003, there are an unusual number of violent incidents that involve young black men living in high crime communities. Overall year-to-date (through August) homicides are down 33% over 2003. Targeted violence has also been reduced. Year-to-date North Side homicides were reduced by 6 or 50% from 2003 to 2004. Targeted North Side homicides were reduced by 4 or 36% from 2003 to 2004. Likewise, Hill District homicides were reduced by 4 or 50% from 2003 to 2004; and targeted Hill District homicides were reduced by 5 or 71% over the same time period. Targeted homicides were low and flat in both Beltzhoover and St. Clair Village.

