Introduction

In 2016 Rochester, NY had an annual average of 692 firearm related violent crimes that occurred in the city; 26 of those resulted in a homicide. In addition a total of 339 robberies, and 323 aggravated assaults, were firearm related.

The Monroe County partners have joined forces in each of the focused deterrence efforts. The partners include:
- Rochester Police Department
- Monroe County District Attorney’s Office
- Monroe County Probation Department
- New York State Division of Parole
- other law enforcement agencies
- Monroe Crime Analysis Center
- Center for Public Safety Initiatives
- Strong Trauma Center.

Individuals selected were required to attend the orientation as a requirement of their probation or parole.

Who are the participants?

Individuals on probation, or parole, with a gun related criminal history who may not be affiliated with a local gang in the city of Rochester, NY. The orientation followed the Focused Deterrence model, which includes a strong message of specific (i.e. focused) deterrence delivered by law enforcement representatives, coupled with a support message provided by community-based service providers. 83 participants attended an orientation. Individuals selected for this orientation met the following criteria:

1. All were newly assigned to probation, or newly released to parole
2. All had a prior history of a gun related offense

Program Description

The Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative, or GIVE, is a comprehensive approach aimed at reducing the homicides and gun-related violence in the city.

GIVE Offender Orientation Summary

Individuals selected for this orientation met the following criteria:

1. All were newly assigned to probation, or newly released to parole
2. All had a prior history of a gun related offense

Number of GIVE Offender Orientation Participants Re-Arrest

- 10 participants were re-arrested after attending an orientation.
- 1 out 10 re-arrests were for new gun related violent felony offense, or VFO.

Conclusion

The GIVE partners have served a total of 83 participants between July 2016 and March 2017.

1. or 1.2% of the participants, have been re-arrested for a new gun related violent felony offense or VFO.

Family and friends are encouraged to attend, in show of support for the participant.

References
