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Kansas City No Violence Alliance (NoVA) Program



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Website: <http://kansascitynova.org/>

Description: The Kansas City No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA) is a collaboration formed in 2012 between several organizations committed to reducing violent crime in the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri. The Alliance includes several law enforcement entities; city, county, state and federal agencies; the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) and the community. In 2012, the Alliance began to develop a focused deterrence model to attempt to stem the violence.

UMKC statisticians helped train police intelligence officers from the Kansas City Police Department on how to analyze the social network relationships among criminals and map offenders and their associated groups. Key members of these criminal groups are invited to a "Call In" to meet with KC NoVA partners, faith based leaders, crime victims, and other community members to discuss their options and the consequences of further violence. They are asked to stay away from violence because the community, even though it cares about them, will no longer tolerate violent crimes that destroy neighborhoods and families. Caseworkers are on hand to immediately sign up willing individuals who want to take advantage of the services offered to help them choose a different path. Following a Call-In, if such individuals do not take advantage of the genuine offer of help, when the next violent crime occurs, the perpetrator and his associates will attract the swift and fierce attention of local and federal law enforcement. A Call-In serves as a last warning to violent criminals and their associates: either choose a different path or expect swift and fierce punishment from law enforcement.

Criminal Justice Partners: Jackson County Prosecutor's Office; U.S. Attorney's Office; Kansas City Prosecutor; FBI; ATF; Kansas City Police Department; City of Kansas City, Missouri; Missouri Board of Probation and Parole; University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC); and many others.

Evaluation/Research: Kansas City had averaged about 112 homicides per year between 2008 and 2013. In 2014, homicides fell by over a third to 77, the lowest number since 1972. The UMKC completed an implementation study and plans an outcome evaluation.

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