

Table 8.2 Police Department Strategies and Tactics of the Youth Firearms Violence Initiative (YFVI)

Site	Total Budget and Configuration	Street-Based Activities	School-Based Activities	Community-Based Activities	GIS*/Crime Analysis
Baltimore	\$999,906 • Cherry Hill: 9 officers • Park Heights: 15 officers	• Juvenile Violent Crime Flex Team: surveillance, intelligence gathering and targeted enforcement • Curfew Enforcement Team: focused on chronically truant students	• In Park Heights, two city police officers worked with middle and high schools • Supported the Magnet School for Law Enforcement, a criminal justice curriculum for high school students • Three officers implemented the Straight Talk About Risk (STAR) Program	• Community resource centers (Kobans) in schools provided a police presence and liaison with community groups • Curfew enforcement officers provided information, counseling and housing to truant students and families	• Department had GIS capability prior to YFVI
Cleveland	\$685,342 • 27 officers, 2 sergeants	• Residential Area Policing Program (RAPP) Houses: located in neighborhoods with high violence, staffed around the clock for 90 days	None	• RAPP House officers coordinated cleanup and youth activities • RAPP House used for neighborhood meetings	• Department had GIS capability prior to YFVI
Inglewood	\$787,201 • Strategy Against Gang Environments (SAGE) Gang Enforcement Task Force: 1 sergeant, 6 officers • Strengthened the Street Terrorist Enforcement and Prevention (STEP) Task Force: 6 officers, 1 probation officer, 1 district attorney	• SAGE program: civil remedies against gang members; task force focused on weapons violations • STEP: act with criminal sanctions against street gangs and a task force that conducted street enforcement • Probation officer targeted gang members on probation	None	• Rites-of-Passage Mentoring Program used police officers, firefighters and community leaders to teach youths civic values, self-esteem and conflict mediation • Gun and Weapons Buy-Back Program • KIDSAFE campaign taught parents about the dangers of handgun use and possession • Media and poster campaign addressed youth firearm violence prevention	• Juvenile records computerized for YFVI • Internally developed a GIS system (with minimal YFVI funding)
Salinas	\$999,524 • Violence Suppression Unit (VSU): 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 16 officers	• VSU: dedicated to work full time on suppressing youth handgun violence • Crime tip hotline • Intensified efforts to locate firearms and track down their origins	None	None	• An outside contractor implemented an ArcView/ArcInfo system
San Antonio	\$999,963 • Rotation: 9 officers deployed nightly	• Weapons Recovery and Tracking Team • Street Crime Arrest Team	None	None	• Researched the youth firearm violence problem • Computer linkup with trauma centers throughout the city

*Geographic information systems

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