



Executive Summary

On February 9, 2017, President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to “take the lead on federal actions to support law enforcement efforts nationwide and to collaborate with state, tribal, and local jurisdictions to restore public safety to all of our communities.” In June 2017, DOJ announced the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program. PSP is an intensive training and technical assistance (TTA) initiative designed to help the locations develop and implement programs and procedures intended to reduce violent crime. PSP serves as a DOJ-wide initiative that enables cities to consult with and receive coordinated TTA and an array of resources from DOJ’s programmatic and law enforcement components. Cities request to be considered part of the PSP initiative. When selected, they work with DOJ via the following core components:

- Three-year commitment;
- Strategic Site Liaison assigned;
- Annual customized training symposium;
- Expedited delivery of assistance in seven core areas: federal partnerships, crime analysis, technology, gun violence, criminal justice collaboration, community engagement, and investigations; and
- Peer learning and exposure to a Community of Practice.

More information about PSP can be found at www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org.

Participating Sites

To be considered for selection, a site must have sustained levels of violence that far exceed the national average. PSP sites must demonstrate a commitment to reducing violent crime and be ready to receive the intensive TTA available. For 2018, partner sites applied by submitting a letter of interest to participate in PSP. They were selected through a process that considers both quantitative and qualitative measures, in consultation with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners. Cities must also display compliance with federal immigration requirements. The cities that participated in a pilot program were absorbed as PSP Operations sites. More than 30 cities have participated in PSP as either Operations or Diagnostic sites. For fiscal year 2019, the Operations approach will be expanded to include up to eight new sites. This approach has been requested more often by sites and will therefore be the only engagement model moving forward. As of February 2019, PSP sites include:

Pilot PSP Operations Sites

- Jackson, Mississippi
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Nashville, Tennessee
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- St. Louis, Missouri

2017 PSP Operations Sites

- Birmingham, Alabama
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Toledo, Ohio

2017 PSP Diagnostic Sites

- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Buffalo, New York
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Houston, Texas
- Jackson, Tennessee
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Lansing, Michigan
- Springfield, Illinois

2018 PSP Operations Sites

- Kansas City, Missouri
(transitioned from a Diagnostic site to an Operations site in 2018)
- Miami, Florida
- Tulsa, Oklahoma

2018 PSP Diagnostic Sites

- Saginaw, Michigan
- Salisbury, North Carolina

Primary Participating DOJ Components

- Office of Justice Programs
- Executive Office for United States Attorneys
- Office on Violence Against Women
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
- U.S. Marshals Service