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- CAMDEN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND AGENCIES
- FAIRVIEW MAINSTREET
- EASTSIDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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- VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
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- CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE
- CAMDEN CHURCHES ORGANIZED FOR PEOPLE
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- MOUNT CALVERY BAPTIST CHURCH
- THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
- SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
- PARENTS
- CITIZENS
- MENTORS
Our membership is growing daily; please consider joining this effort.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

- CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
- CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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- JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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- NJ STATE PAROLE BOARD
- NJ DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
- OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- NJ STATE POLICE
- US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - CAMDEN
- CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF



Camden's Safer Cities Initiative

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GOAL

The goal of the Camden Safer Cities Initiative is to make Camden a safer city through a sustained collaboration among the criminal justice community and local leaders from Camden's faith-based, neighborhood, governmental and social service organizations.

This problem solving process, applied in a neutral setting, will identify real and potential threats to the public safety of the citizens of Camden, design cooperative strategies to reduce those threats and evaluate the effectiveness of both those strategies and the process.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To collect and analyze data to:
 - a) *Identify the nature of violent crime and other threats to public safety in Camden;*
 - b) *evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives developed by this process, as well as the process itself.*
- 2) To design and implement an effective initiative or a set of initiatives to help reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety in Camden.
- 3) To secure regular communication and collaboration within the criminal justice community; and among local leaders and the criminal justice community for purpose of identifying and solving public safety problems.

INITIAL TASKS

- Increase the arrest rate for aggravated assaults with a gun in Camden City.
- Ensure that new cases of aggravated assaults with a gun involving suspects 18- to 24-years-old will continue to be swiftly and severely prosecuted, and explore methods to increase the certainty and severity of prosecution.
- Strongly encourage, reward, and support a change in the behavior of parolees and probationers considered to be at risk for violent behavior, including gun crimes.
- Develop a mentoring program run by religious leaders, and interested citizens as part of the services offered to parolees, probationers, and at-risk individuals.
- Implement a citywide public relations campaign to signal that all elements of the criminal justice system are coordinating their activities and directly collaborating with the community to target the crime of aggravated assaults with a gun.