

# Public Safety Action Plan

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# Part I: Public Safety Action Plan Overview

# Public Safety Challenges

- Significant statewide increase in crime
- Proliferation of illegal firearms
- Cheap and deadly drugs, including opioids, fentanyl, meth
- Youth violence and easy access to weapons
- Repeat offenders

# Public Safety Action Plan: 5 Main Pillars

- 1) Preventing crime & improving policing
- 2) Addressing the proliferation of guns on our streets
- 3) Expanding behavioral health responses and alternatives to police
- 4) Recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers
- 5) Engaging with state lawmakers

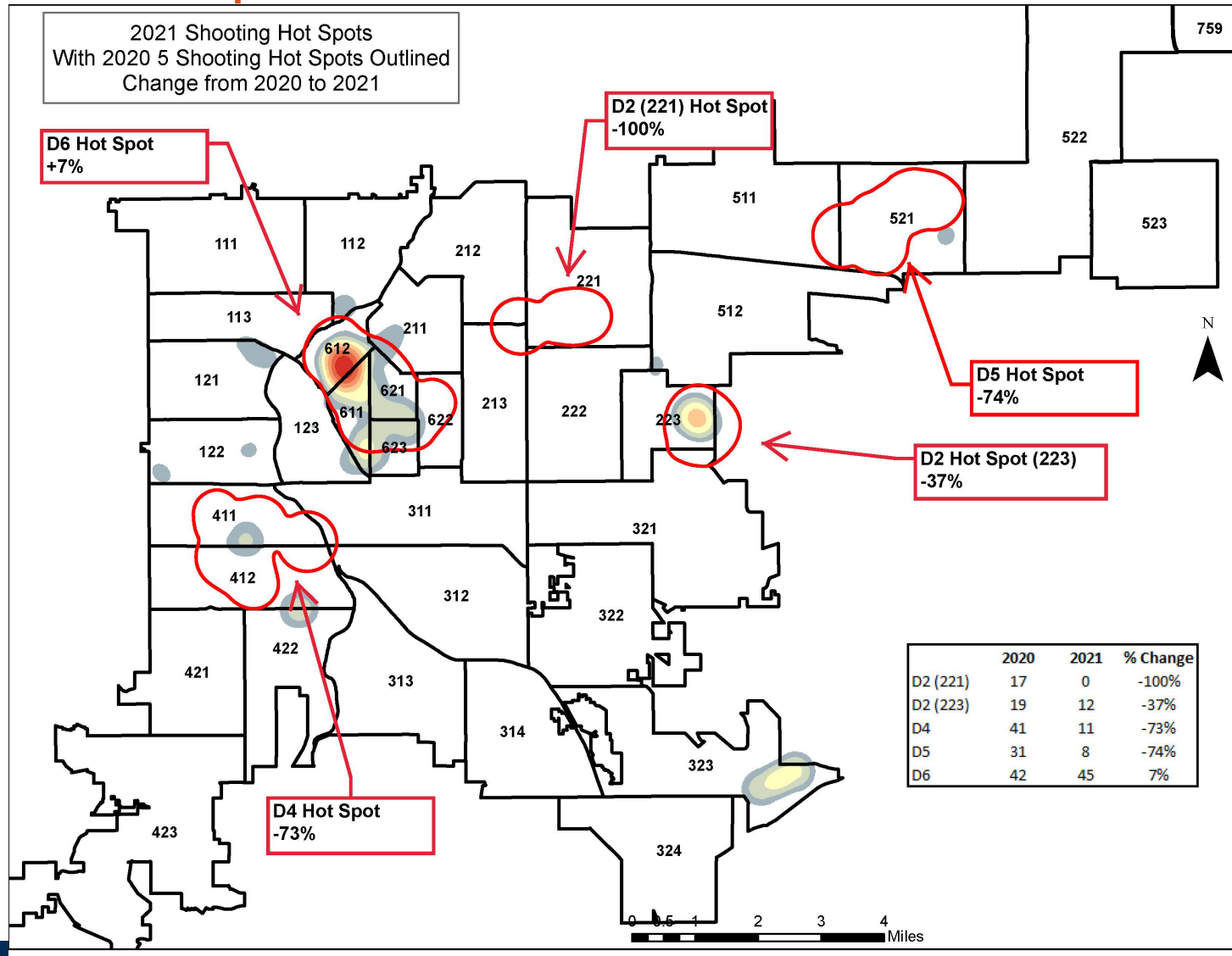
# Denver Police Department

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- Maintain & expand hotspot place-based policing
- Advance training consistent with evidence-based practices
- Remove illegal guns from the streets
- Improve service and response
- Expand support services and alternative responses
- Improve recruitment and retention

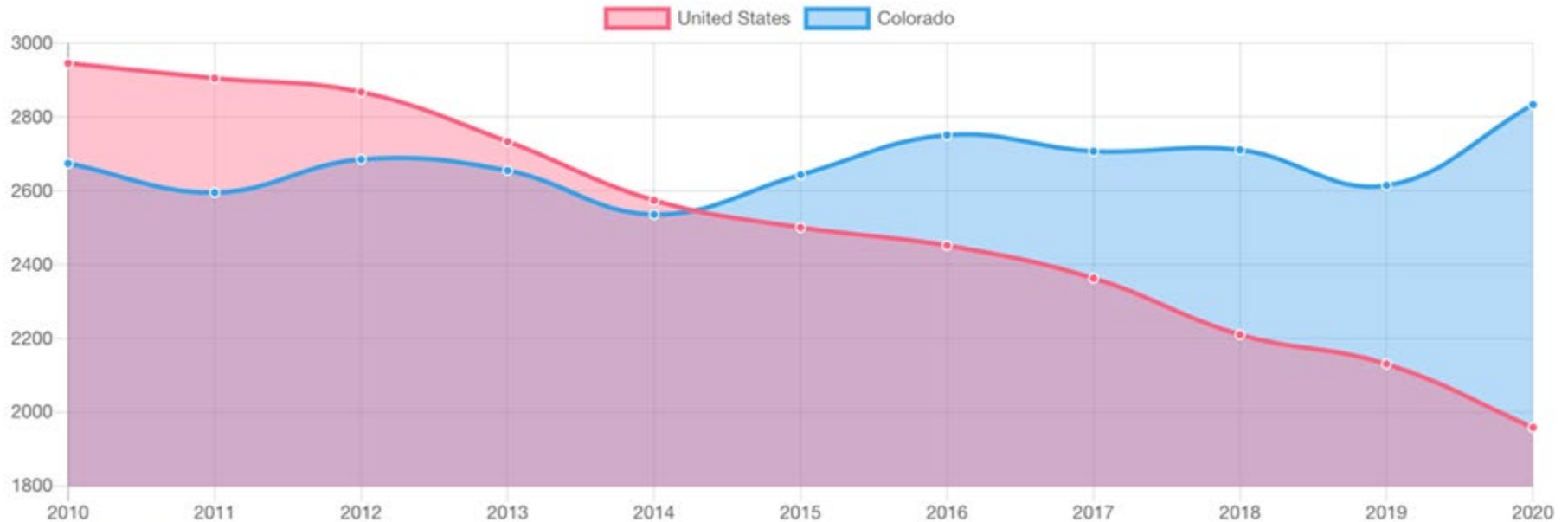


# Hotspots Locations in Denver - 2021



# Crime Trends

## Rate of Property Crime Offenses by Population



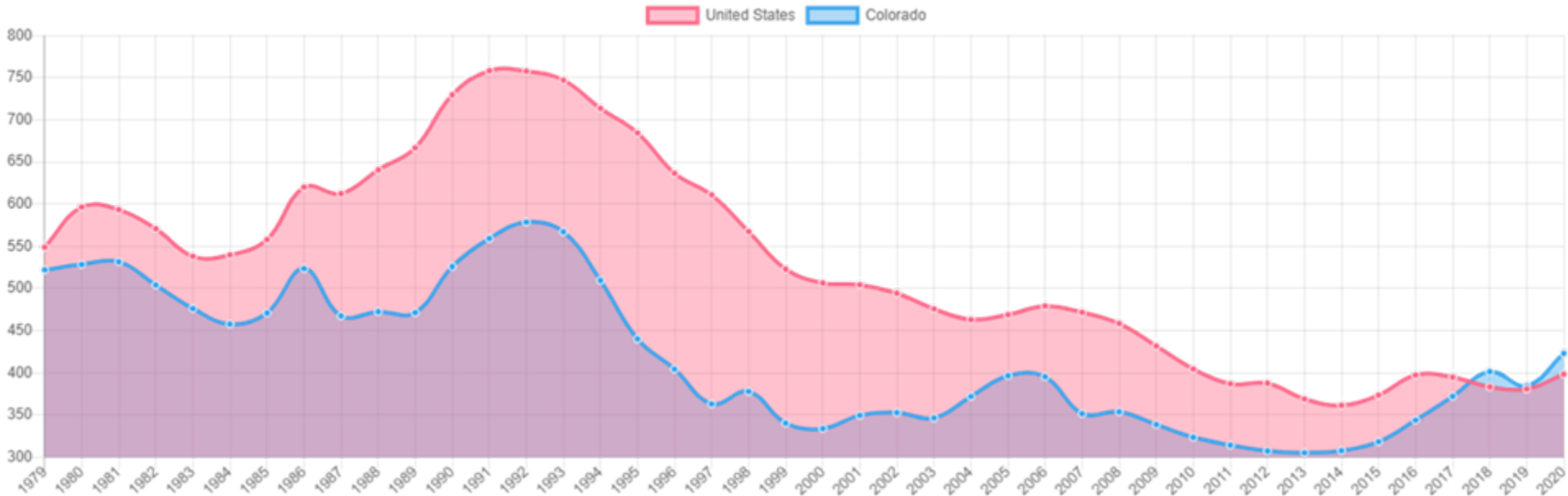
Rate per 100,000 people, by year

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# Crime Trends

## Rate of Violent Crime Offenses by Population



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Violent crime includes the offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape (revised definition), robbery, and aggravated assault.

# Denver Sheriff Department

- Create DSD Criminal Charges Filing Team (CCFT)
- Complete the roll-out of the Crisis Response Team (CRT)
- Increase the deployment of body worn cameras
- Improve recruitment and retention
- Expand Medicated-Assisted Treatment (MAT)





# Denver Fire Department

- Build and implement a sustainable Incident Fire Safety Officer program in line with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1521 standards
- Support continued expansion of Co-Responder Program
- Increased use of alternative Basic Life Support (BLS) response with Med Unit program in high call volume areas
- Continued partnership with DPD in designated hotspot areas
- Amplified data-driven recruitment approaches and mentoring opportunities



# Collaborative Efforts

## Local & Regional Partnerships

- Partner with federal law enforcement (ATF, FBI & U.S. Attorney's Office) to address gun violence
- Remove illegal firearms and “ghost guns” from our streets
- Work with the City Attorney's Office to develop and implement a Conceal Carry Ban in city-owned facilities and parks
- Expand participation in COACT partnership
- Ensure the risk assessment tool used by pretrial is working as intended
- Youth Violence Prevention Action Table
  - Deepen regional coordination
  - Enhance safety at recreation centers
  - Implement community-led strategies
  - Youth Empowerment Centers

# Collaborative Efforts

## Denver Union Station

Partnering with RTD to facilitate intensive outreach and conduct robust law enforcement activities since November 2021

- DPD has conducted high-visibility patrols and 15 planned operations that have resulted in more than 1,000 arrests ranging from violent crimes and drug-related violations to trespassing between Nov. 1, 2021 and March 22, 2022
- Enforcement efforts have also resulted in the recovery of 17 firearms between Nov. 1, 2021 and March 22, 2022

## Engaging with State Lawmakers

- Reviewing risk assessment tool used at bond hearings
- Re-examining de-felonization of drug possession and other laws
- Exploring adjustments to thresholds for mandatory treatment and mental health holds
- Governor's \$113 million Public Safety Proposal
  - Local violence interruption programs, police recruitment & retention, school safety & security, anti-domestic violence efforts

# Part II: Addressing Public Safety Through a Public Health Lens

# Behavioral Health & Substance Misuse

- DDPHE takes an **integrated approach** to behavioral health programming
- Provide **infrastructure and support for access** to mental and behavioral health services **when and where** people need it

## 2022 Safety Plan Initiatives:

- ✓ Expand Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) and Co-Responder programs
- ✓ Expand partnerships to provide mental health treatment for qualifying criminal offenders in jail
- ✓ Add a second Wellness Winnie
- ✓ Improve support and transition services from city jails and the Solutions Center



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# Behavioral Health & Substance Misuse Programming

<p><b>Wellness Winnie</b> Mobile unit providing behavioral health and support services in areas of the city that are traditionally under-resourced</p>	<p><b>Behavioral Health Solutions Center</b> 24/7 facility offers crisis stabilization services, temporary housing and ongoing assistance for mental health and substance misuse issues, plus assistance in transitioning to community living</p>	<p><b>Co-Responder Programs</b> Pairs a licensed clinician with law enforcement or paramedics to provide mental and behavioral health specific support or substance misuse support as needed</p>
<p><b>Denver Strong</b> Provide Mental Health First Aid Training to residents and organizations to help identify people in crisis and what to do</p>	<p><b>Overdose Prevention</b> Provide harm reduction tools, education, and peer navigation services to residents and community partners</p>	<p><b>STAR</b> Alternative response program deploying Emergency Medical Technicians and behavioral health clinicians to engage individuals experiencing crises related to mental health issues, poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse</p>



# The Assessment, Intake, Diversion (AID) Center

What is the AID Center?

- The AID Center is an alternative to jail and a connection to comprehensive community and systems-based services.
- A resource for law enforcement, the community, and individuals that is a part of a continuum of services.
- Individuals may walk-in to the AID Center for services, or they may be brought in (with their consent) by law enforcement, STAR, community-based providers, and other appropriate referral sources.
- Meets a gap in services: Individuals who have active warrants for low-level, non-violent crimes continue to face challenges accessing services and stable housing. The AID Center can help address these situations and provide connection to services.
- The AID Center allows for a more comprehensive, near single entry point response across a broader range of service providers.

# AID Center Logistics



- Location: 14<sup>th</sup> & Elati
- Anticipated summer 2022 launch
- City-owned facility
- The Department of Safety (DOS) is currently meeting with involved stakeholders to develop policies and intake procedures.
- As the program takes root, DOS will evaluate growth opportunities including expanded hours, increased service provider participation, a facility build-out to meet additional needs, and supplementary data capturing.

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# What Need Does the AID Center Meet?

Addressing behavioral health challenges or other underlying conditions that lead to crime is a more sustainable and comprehensive public safety approach.

- Approximately 20% of weekly jail bookings include individuals with a mental health or suicide alert.
  - Those with a mental health or suicide alert have disproportionately lower-level charges than those with no alert.

# What Services & Agencies Will be at the AID Center?

The following services are anticipated to be available at the AID Center:

- Culturally appropriate community-based service providers
- Short and long-term case management agencies
- Healthcare (mental & physical) providers
- Animal Protection Services
- DPD's Harm Reduction Case Manager
- Denver Sheriff Department
- City Attorney's Office
- Office of Housing Stability (HOST)
- Denver Human Services (DHS)
- Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)

# Working with Existing Alternative Response Models

- The AID Center is a continuum of services and works to complement existing alternative response models like STAR and the Co-Responder programs.
- Examples

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# Part III: Q&A