

Downtown Strategy

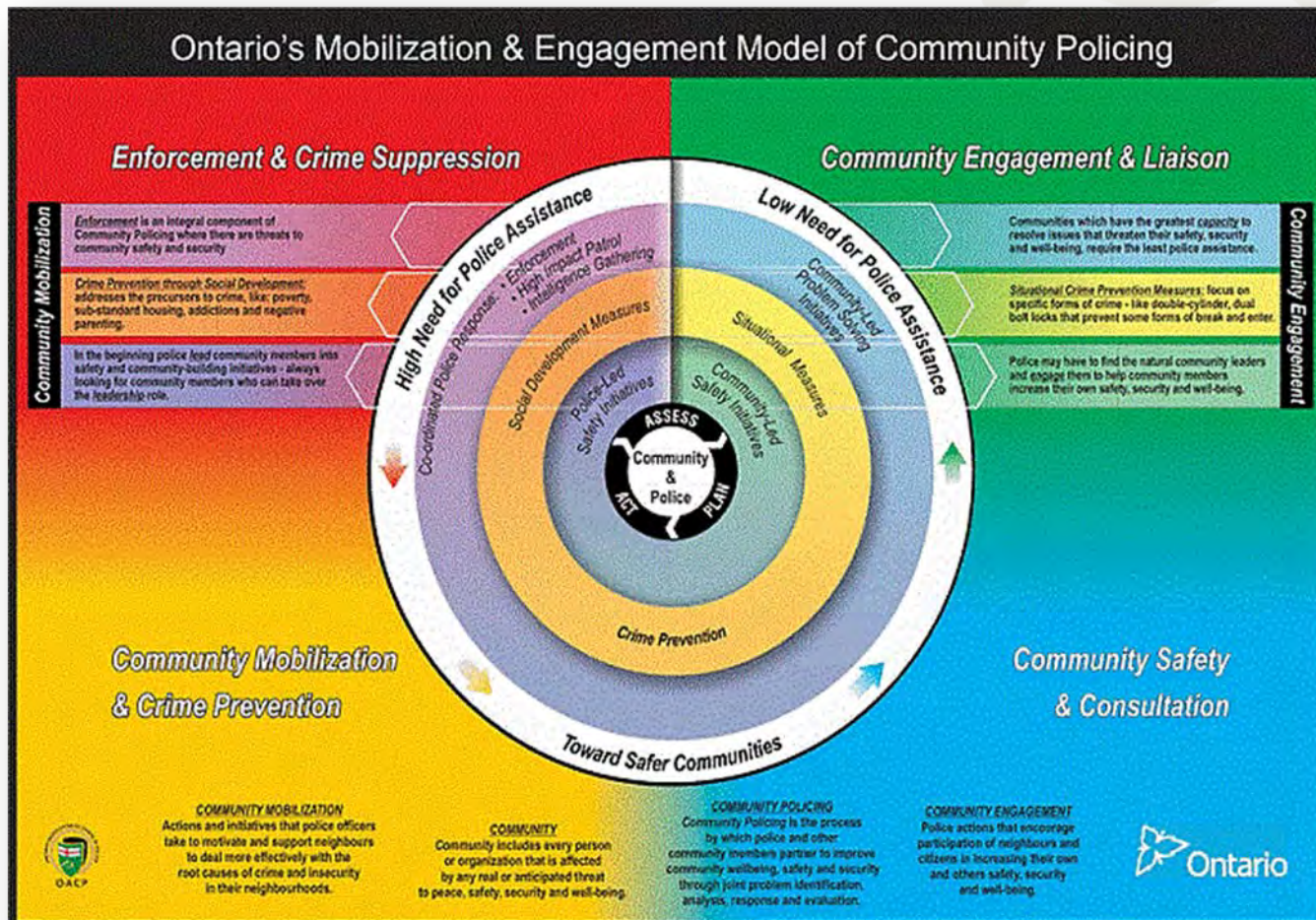


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Downtown Strategy: Objectives

- Suppress crime and social disorder
- Improve safety and perception of safety
- Collaborative shared interest and commitment to community safety and wellbeing



Downtown Strategy: Problem and Analysis

- Increased property crime from 2017 to 2018 **(+15.8%)**
- Decreased violent crime from 2017 to 2018 **(-8.5%)**
- Increased social disorder from 2017 to 2018 **(+11%)**
- Hot Spot Analysis
 - Transit Centre/Tim Hortons/LCBO
 - Rainbow Centre
 - Old City Hall Lane
- Increased calls for service from 2018 to 2019 in Jan-Nov time period **(+6.5%)**
- Closure of 241 Lloyd St, 1755 Regent St, 146 Larch St (Salvation Army) in 2019 resulted in a total 275 people being displaced



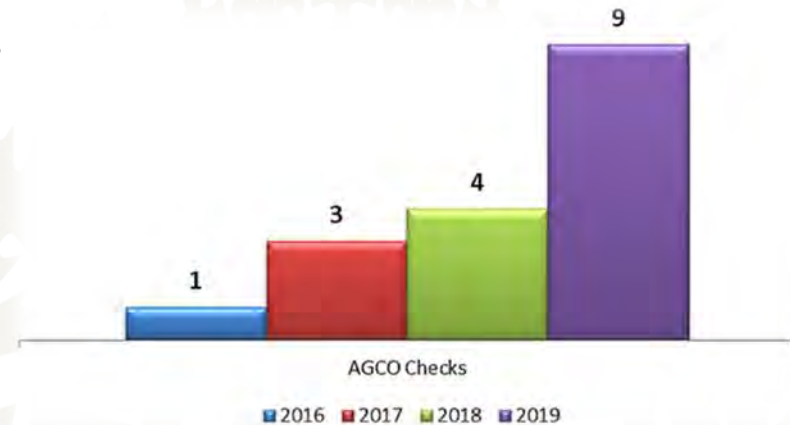
Downtown Strategy: Activities to Date

- *Trespass to Property Act, Liquor License Act, CDSA enforcement*
- Partnership strategies with AGCO
- CPTED Audits
- BIA meetings
- Proactive foot and bike patrol
- Promoting online reporting to the public

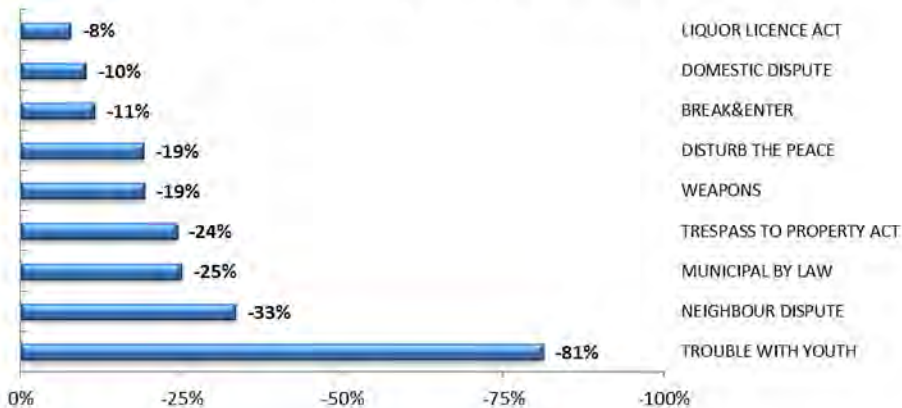


Downtown Strategy: Statistics

- 2018-2019: Over 14% increase in bike patrols
- Jan-Sep 2019: 91 arrest warrants executed, 31 POAs, 110 Criminal Code charges
- Enhanced AGCO and CPTED involvement
- 2018-2019: 461 RMT presentations, 197 initiated by GSPS



May-Sept 2018 to May-Sept 2019
Reduction in Specific CFS Downtown



- Reductions in numerous CFS



Downtown Strategy: Current Activities

- Visibility and deterrence through increased foot patrol
- Ongoing CPTED with downtown businesses
- Working with BIA to identify current target areas for foot patrol
- Met with owner, tenants, and City Counselor at 200 St. Anne's Road to discuss safety and building security
- HSN Crisis staff meeting
- Landlord Association meeting
- Enforcement with GSPS Drug Unit at Tim Hortons/Sudbury Transit



Downtown Strategy: Community Drug Strategy

THE 4 PILLARS OF HARM REDUCTION



Health Promotion



Enforcement and Justice



Harm Reduction



Treatment



Community
Drug Strategy



Downtown Strategy:

Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning

- Responsibility of the Municipality(*Safer Ontario Act*, 2018)
- Recognizes that complex risk to safety and wellbeing cannot and should not be addressed in isolation by any one organization, agency or sector
- 2018-2019: 461 RMT presentations, 197 initiated by GSPS

KEY CONCEPTS:

- Supporting community development to meet local needs and priorities
- Building on individual, family, and neighbourhood assets
- Identifying and acting on broad systemic change
- Community mobilization
- Incorporating and monitoring community wellness outcomes

Examples:

- NOAH's SPACE (tenants association)
- Louis Street Community Association Zone 30 Project
- COP's (Citizens on Patrol) Pro-Active Forums
- BEAR Strategy



Downtown Strategy: Moving Forward

Community Forums

- Focus groups created, CPTED audits conducted
- Buy-in from businesses on community safety and wellbeing
- Increased engagement from community
- Enhanced understanding of root causes of issues



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CLARIFICATION OF ROLES

Businesses

- CPTED

Individuals

- Enhanced awareness and empathy training

City

- By-law, 'Broken Windows' theory

Police

- Mobilization and Engagement

Other Agencies

- Social Services, Criminal Justice



Downtown Strategy: Future Directions

- Deterrence through presence and enforcement
- Increased visibility through foot and bike patrol
- Continue to work with community partners to address issues
- Sustainability through mobilization and engagement
- Redeveloping and repurposing
- Increasing natural users of space



Questions

