

Fixing A Broken System

Gun Violence Reduction Strategies

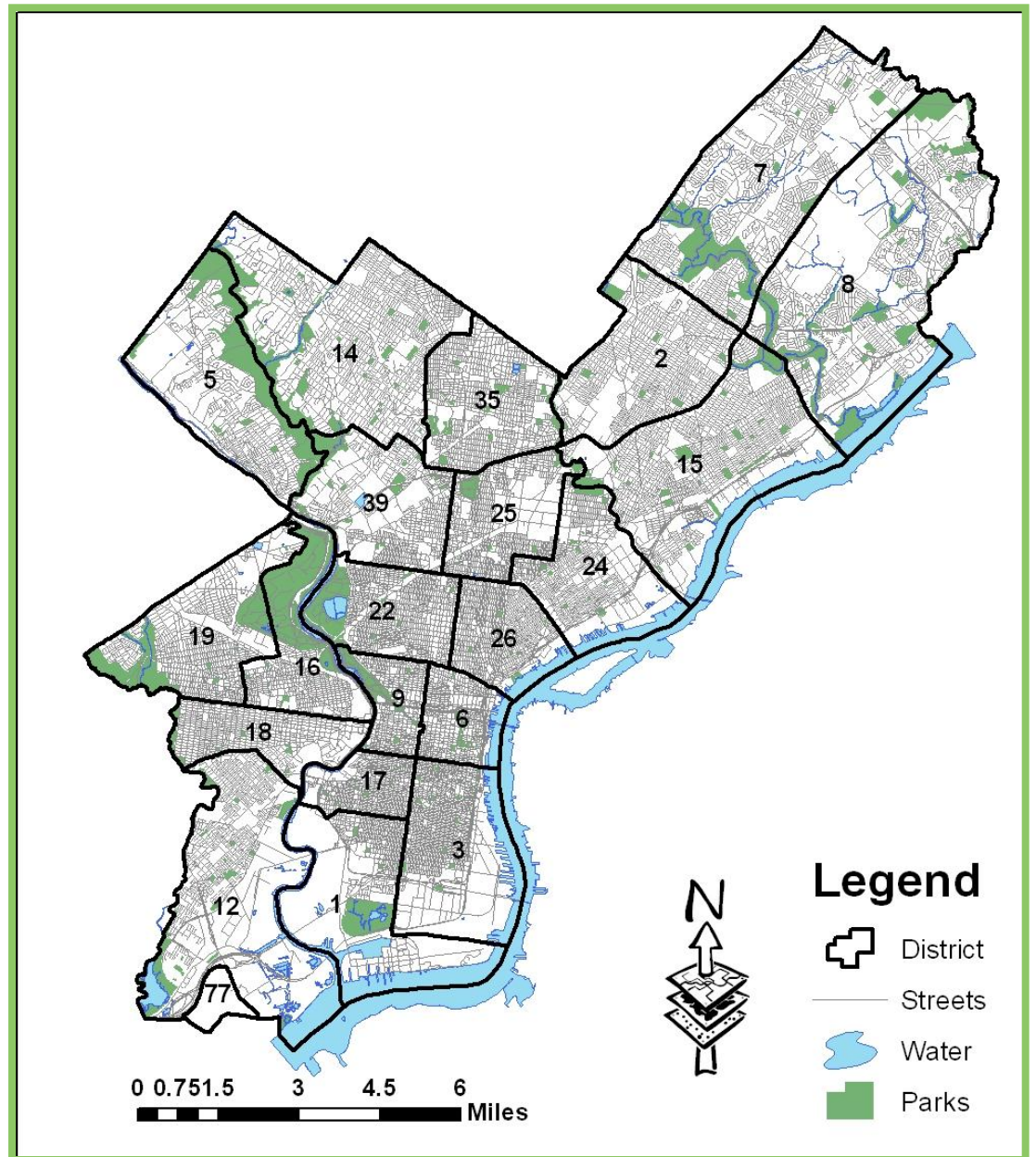


R. Seth Williams
District Attorney

**140 Square
Miles**

**Approx. 1.5
million
residents**

**22 police
districts**



THE OFFICE



- Approx. 300 Assistant District Attorneys and 300 non-lawyer support staff
- Organized into 7 Divisions
 - Executive/Administrative
 - Pretrial
 - Juvenile Division
 - Law Division
 - Investigations Division
 - Trial Division
 - Gun Trafficking, Narcotics, & Community Engagement



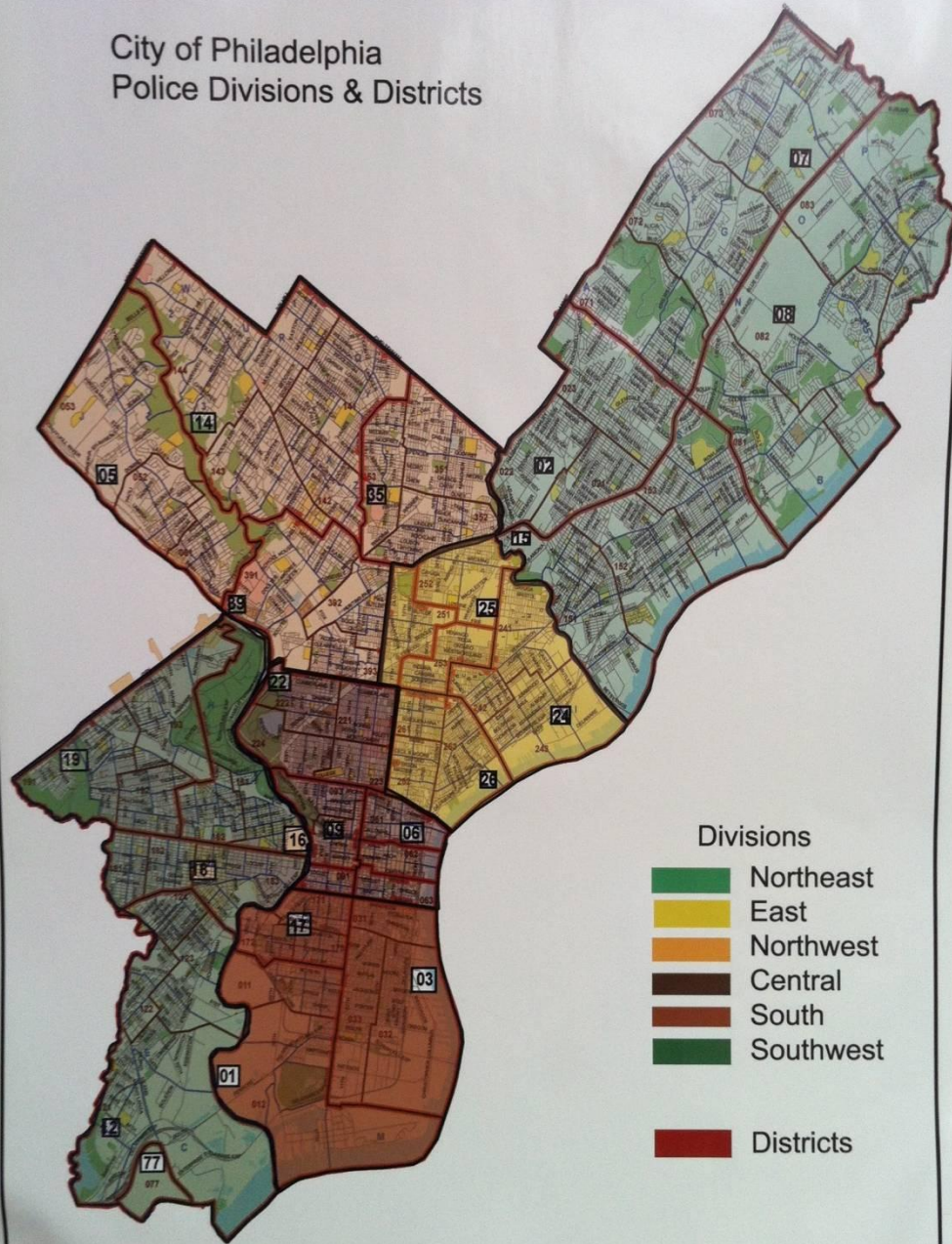
PRIMARY MOTIVE:		2011	% DIFF
DRUGS:	34	30	13.33 %
DOMESTIC:	24	24	0.00 %
ARGUMENT:	160	127	25.98 %
SEXUAL:	0	0	N/A %
RES ROBBERY:	13	12	8.33 %
COMM ROBBERY:	4	5	-20.00 %
HWY ROBBERY:	29	48	-39.58 %
CHILD ABUSE:	5	6	-16.67 %
RETALIATION:	23	31	-25.81 %
OTHER:	10	16	-37.50 %
UNDETERMINED:	32	27	18.52 %

SITUATION

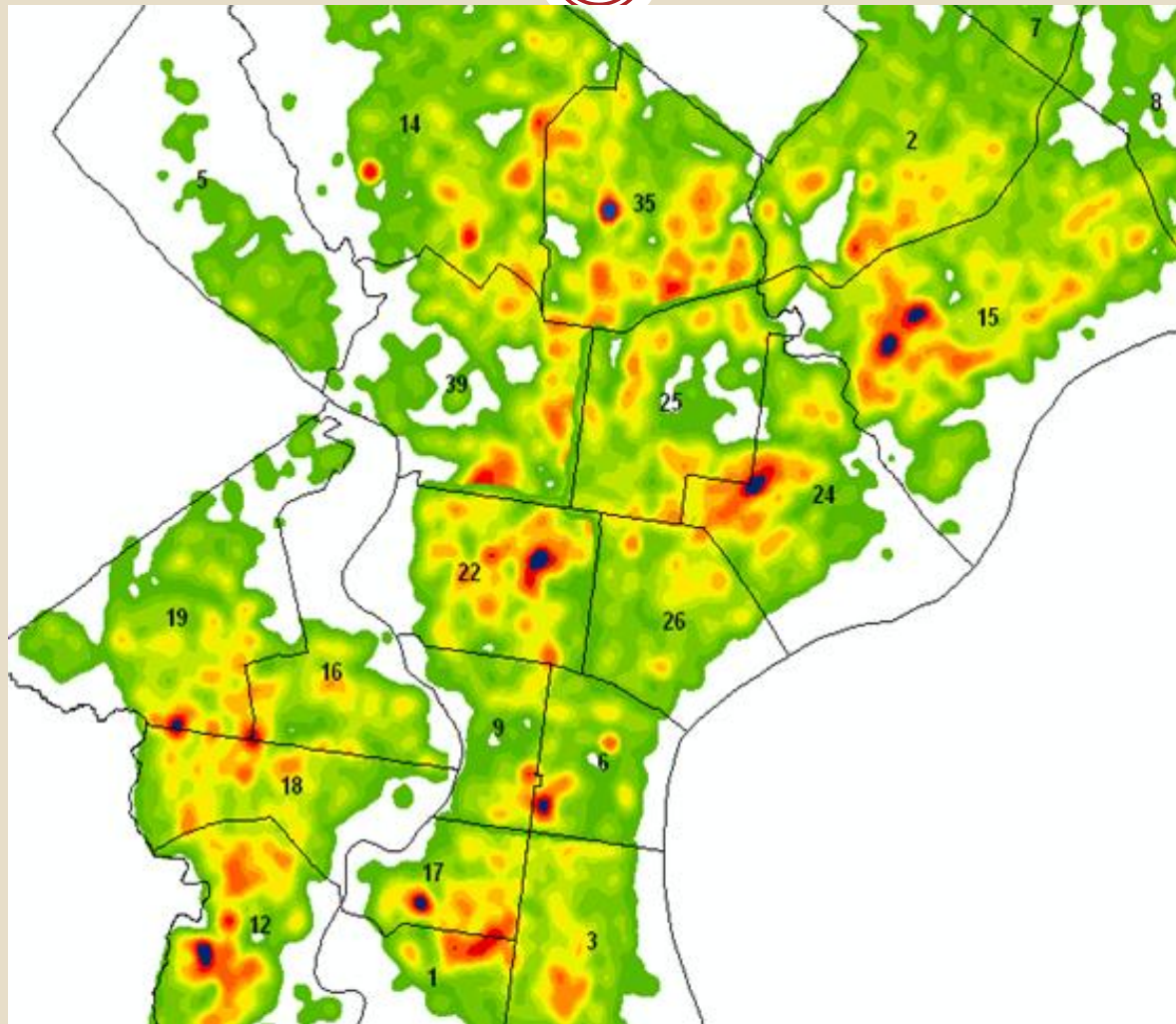


- Last year, the city had:
 - Over 1250 shooting victims (through 12/23)
 - Statistically, one person is shot every 6 hours and 51 minutes
 - 284 homicides by firearm
 - Through 12/30, 3398 gunpoint robberies
 - 2512 aggravated assaults with a firearm
 - 21.4 homicides per 100,000 people
 - NYC is typically around 6.5 , LA is 7.5, Dallas is 11.5

City of Philadelphia Police Divisions & Districts



VIOLENT CRIME IS CONCENTRATED IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF AREAS



COMMUNITY BASED PROSECUTION



TWO COMPONENTS

Community Based Prosecution



ENFORCEMENT



PREVENTION



WHY COMMUNITY BASED PROSECUTION?



- **Stronger cases**
- **Better relationships with police officers and local residents.**
- **More attention to local crime problems.**
- **More cooperation from the community.**
- **More efficient prosecution.**

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EAST
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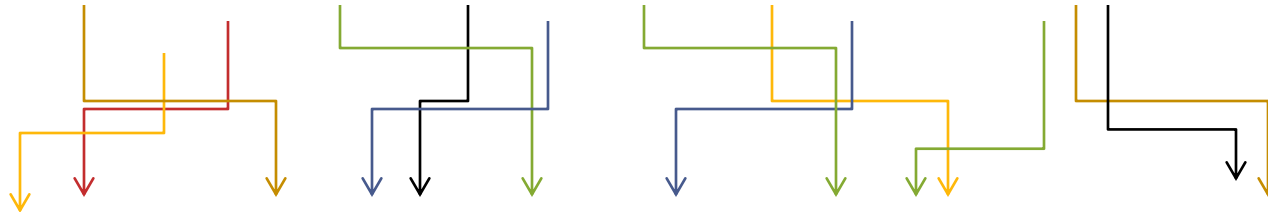
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SOUTH
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CENTRALIZED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



CENTRALIZED COURT SYSTEM

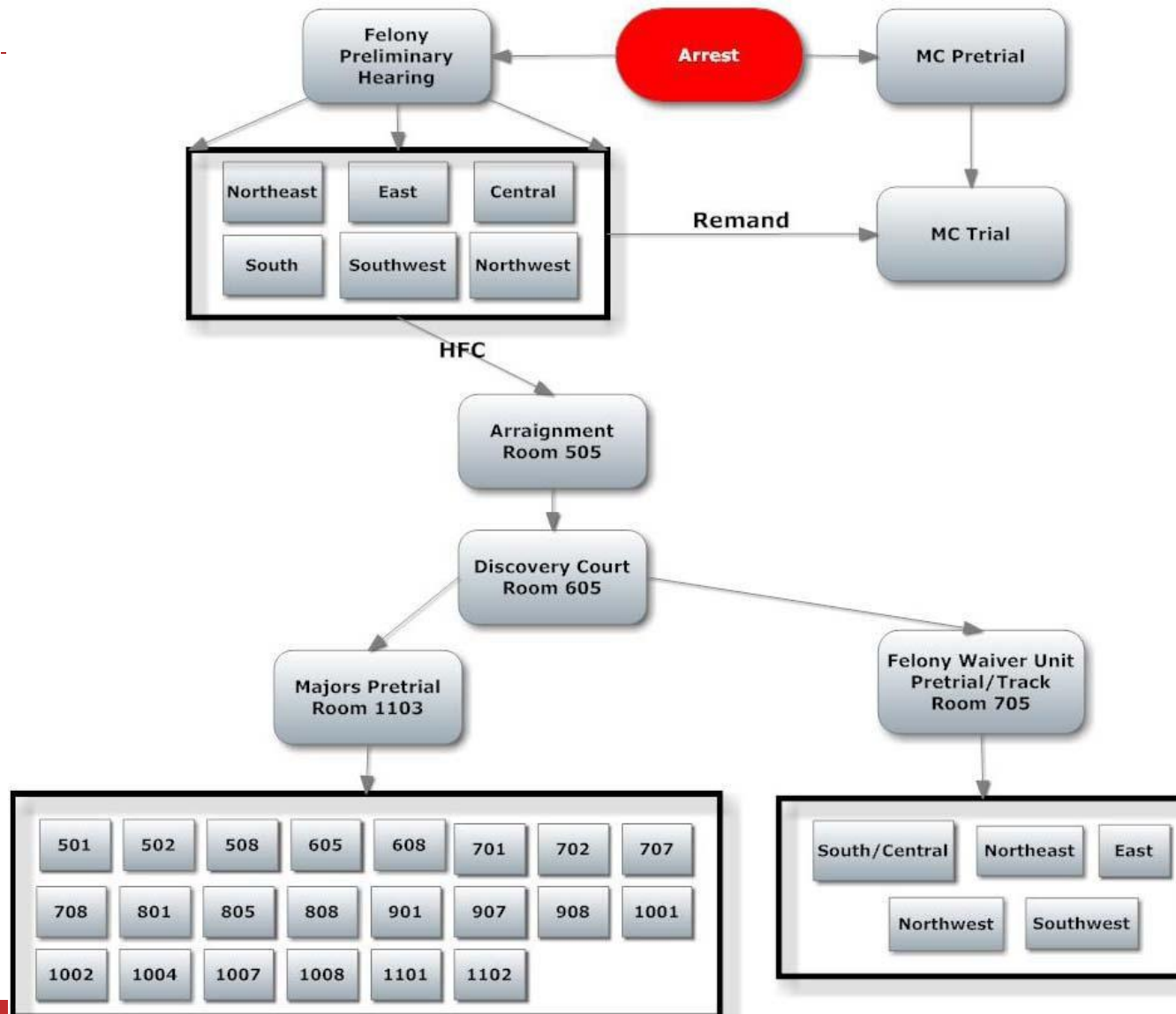
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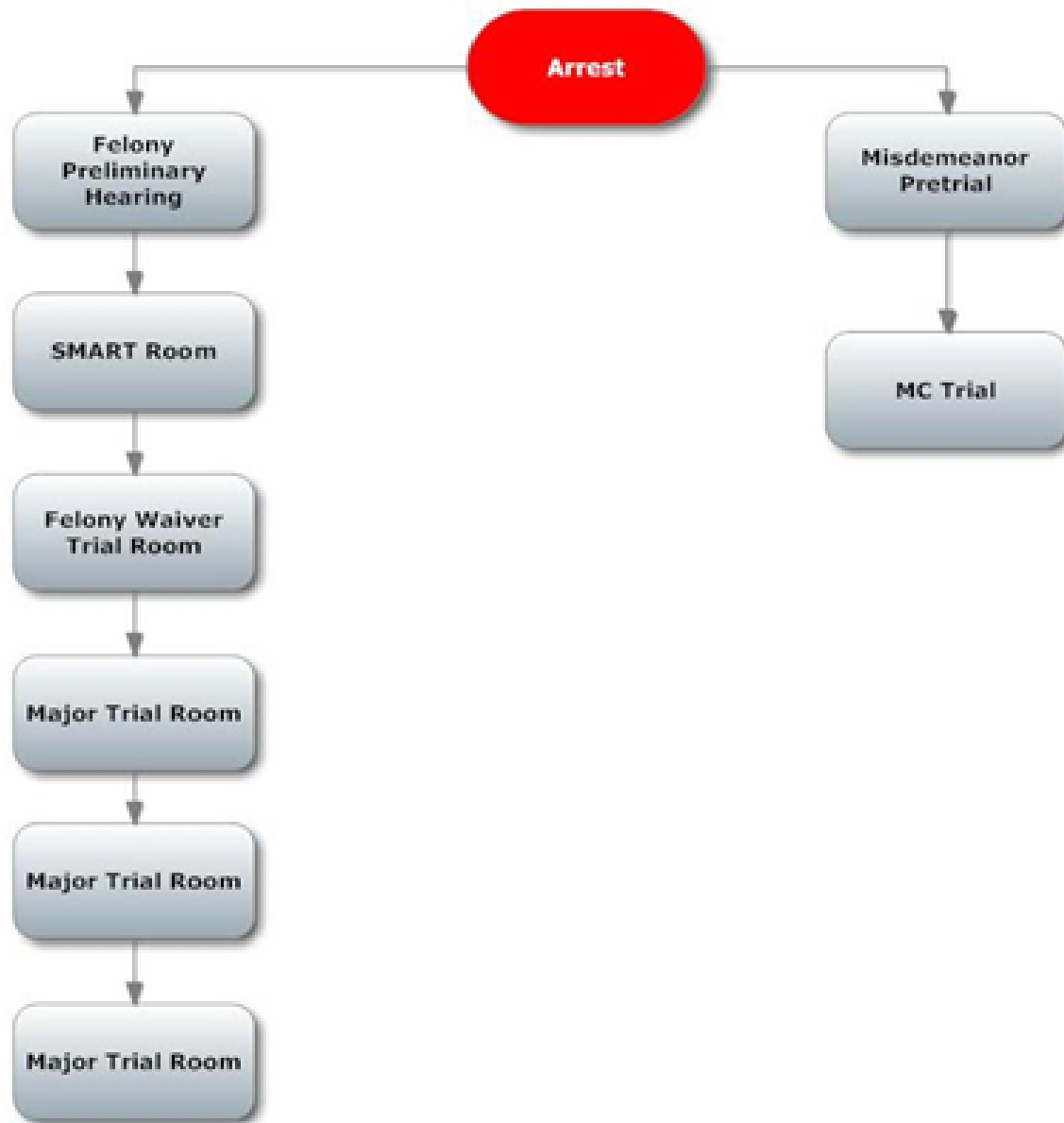
- Two thirds of defendants in violent crime cases go free
- Among large urban counties, Philadelphia had the lowest felony-conviction rate
- Only 1 in 10 of people charged with assault with a gun were convicted
- Only 2 in 10 charged with gunpoint robbery were convicted
- Only about half of people charged with gun possession were convicted
- There were convictions in only about 20% of violent crime cases, compared with about 50% nationally

SOURCE: ***Justice: Delayed, Dismissed, Denied***
(Philadelphia Inquirer, 12/13/09)

THEN



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DA NORTHEAST
BUREAU

DA EAST
BUREAU

DA SOUTHWEST
BUREAU



NORTHEAST
COURT

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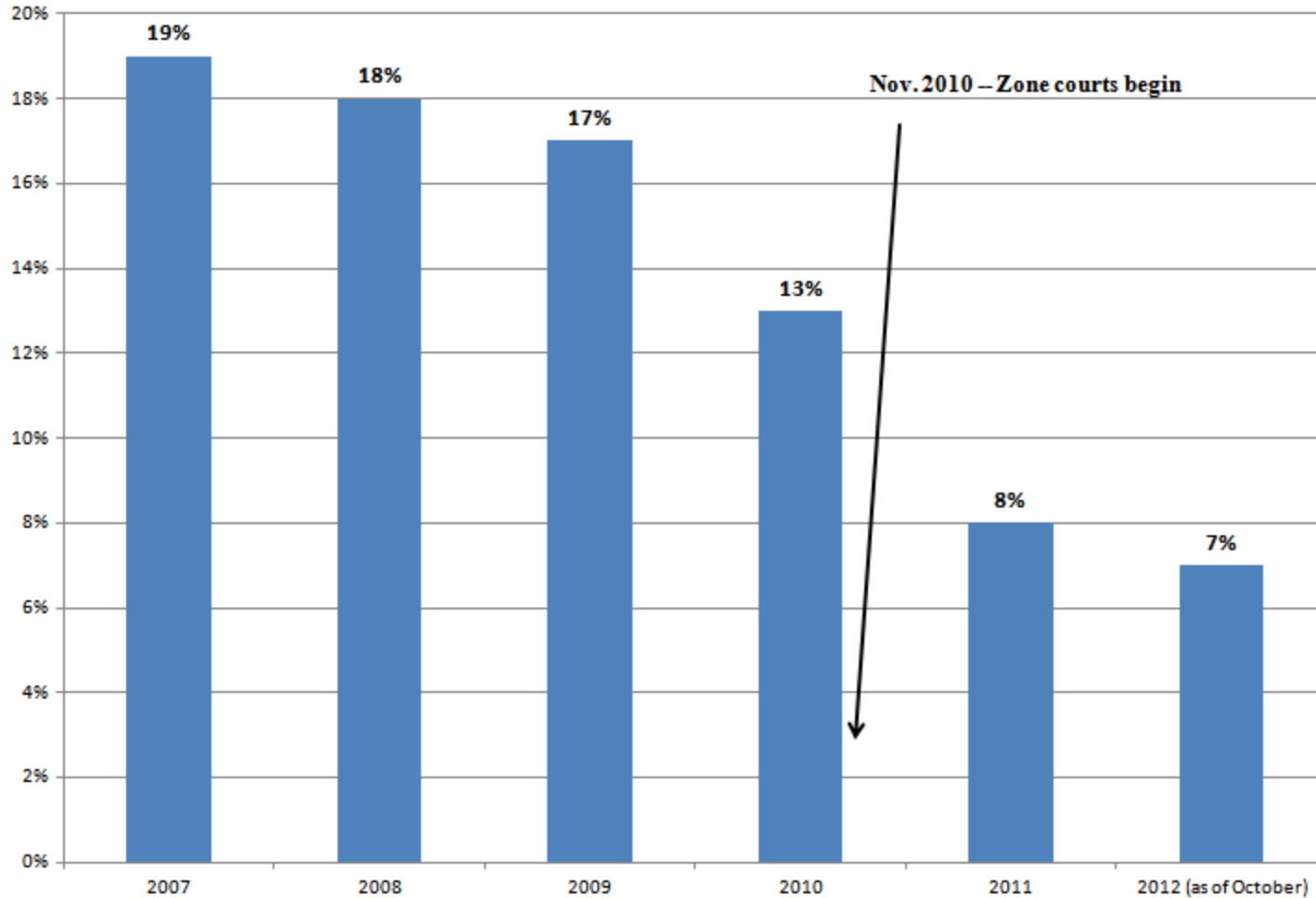
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EARLY RESULTS



Felony Cases Dismissed in Municipal Court



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BETTER

ENFORCEMENT

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1. Prioritizes *offenders* using a 3-step process
2. Prioritizes *offenses* through data collection and tracking



3-STEP PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING OFFENDERS

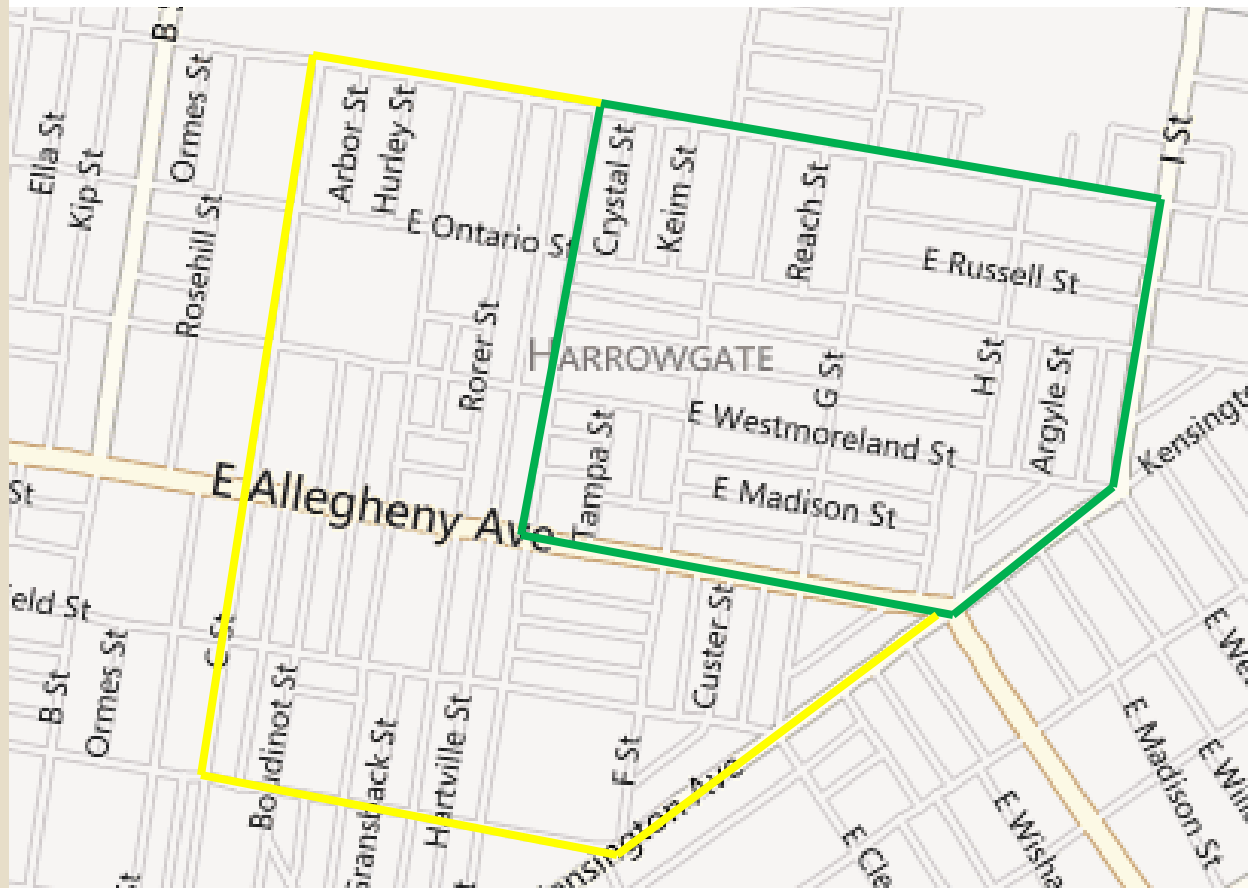


1. *Identify hotspot for violence*
2. *Identify violent offenders and violent organizations that live or operate within the hotspot*
3. *Take action to disrupt violent individuals and organizations*

STEP ONE- IDENTIFY HOTSPOT



-  --Original area
-  --Expanded area as of 4/12/12



STEP TWO – IDENTIFY OFFENDERS



DAO Bureau Chief

DAO Asst. Bureau Chief

5-Squad Officer

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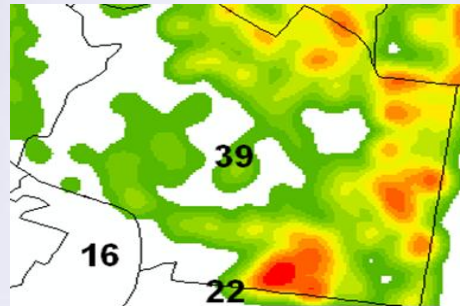
SIU Detective

**Detective
Captain**

**Narcotics
Officer**

Intel Officer

**Probation
Officer**

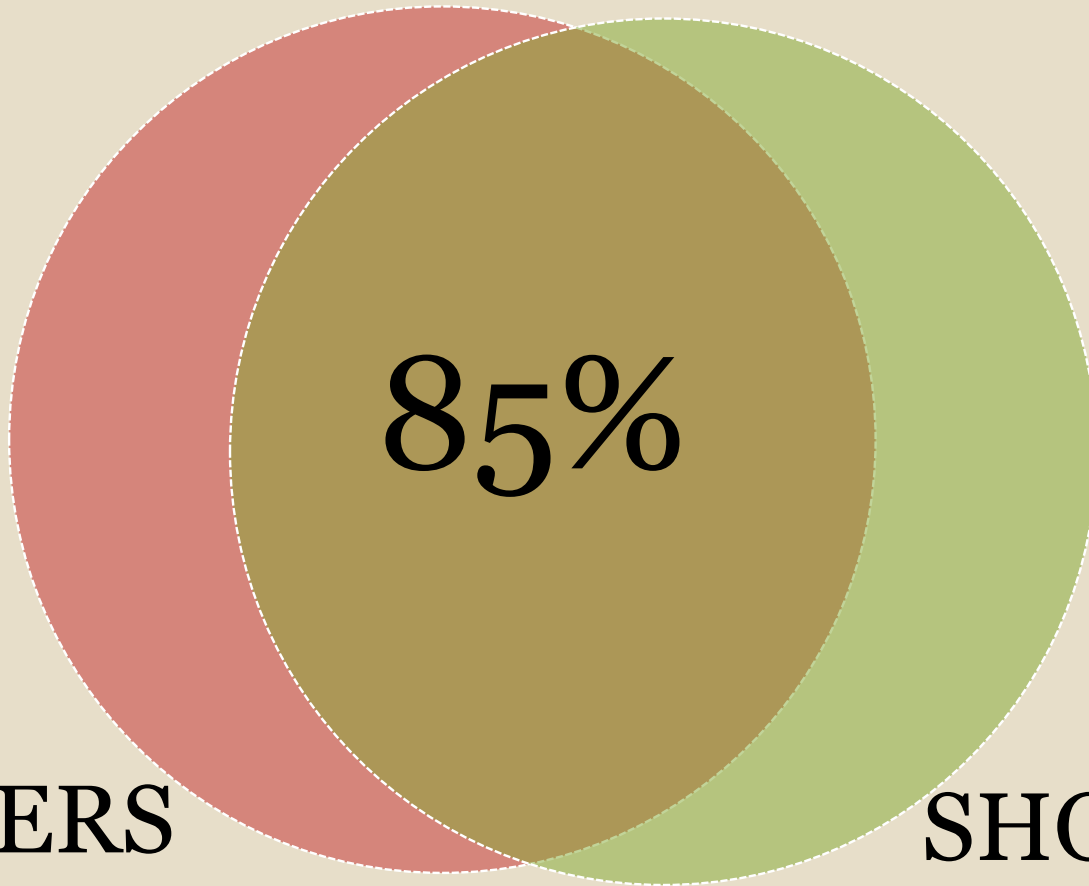


District Captain

VIOLENT CRIME IS COMMITTED BY A SMALL PERCENT OF THE CRIMINAL POPULATION



Murder is No Mystery



SHOOTERS

**SHOOTING
VICTIMS**

PRIORITIZING OFFENSES



- New community based model makes each bureau responsible for tracking violence in their designated hotspot
- 4 basic tasks for Bureau Chiefs
 - 1) Track All Pending Cases of Priority Violent Offenders.
 - 2) Track all Non-fatal shootings within each Bureau.
 - 3) Track all VUFA cases within each Bureau.
 - 4) Connect with Community Groups Active in Hotspots.

EXAMPLE OF MONTHLY VUFA TRACKING



DISTRICT	ARRESTS	HFC	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY	NOLLE PROSSE
6	1	2	1	0	0
9	1	1	0	0	0
22	11	4	2	1	4
TOTAL	13	7	3	1	4

EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORTING



- Total Number of Community meetings last 30 days:
4
- Total Number of Sentencings involving a gun crime where a community witness presented at sentencing:
3
- Total Sentencings of any type where community was present: 3

SMART ON CRIME



- **Increased # of prosecutors in the Charging Unit**
- **Diverted non-violent offenses**
 - ✦ **Small Amount of Marijuana (SAM)**
 - ✦ **Alternative Misdemeanant Program (AMP)**

RESULT: Money and resources saved to concentrate on violent crime

QUESTIONS?