

**Strategic Action Plan for the State of Hawaii
FY 2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods**

I. LEADERSHIP

The United States Attorney’s Office (USAO) Hawaii District Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) seeks to reduce violent crime in Hawaii by implementing an enhanced violent crime reduction program to make our community safer through a comprehensive approach to public safety that marries targeted law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention and reentry efforts. The USAO will serve as a convener to ensure coordination among federal, state, and local agencies that can help reduce violent crime in Hawaii.

II. PARTNERSHIP

The Hawaii PSN Task Force is a partnership led by the USAO with member agencies that include the Hawaii Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii Department of Public Safety; City and County of Honolulu, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai Police Departments; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Marshals Service (Fugitive Task Force); U.S. Probation; U.S. Pretrial Services; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations; and the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

The Key PSN Partners:

Criminal Justice Partners:	Involved in Planning	Involved in Implementation
Police Departments in Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island	X	X
ATF, FBI, DEA, HSI, the United States Marshals Service (Fugitive Task Force)	X	X
County Prosecutor’s Offices in Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island	X	X
U.S. Probation and U.S. Pretrial Services	X	X
State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety	X	X

State of Hawaii Department of the Attorney General	X	X
Hawaii HIDTA	X	X

III. TARGETED AND PRIORITIZED ENFORCEMENT

The Sources of Data for Analyzing the Problem:

Yearly FBI UCR data	To identify armed career criminals, career offenders, drug dealers, gang members, and domestic violence offenders.
Crime data collected monthly by partners that are able to do so	To assess trends in criminal activity and identify targets for investigation and prosecution.
Calls for police service, police incident reports, and street level intelligence	To identify locations where criminal activity is increasing or is occurring at significant rates, with the aim of conducting hot spot enforcement actions in these locations.

The Problem Analysis Summary:

Drivers of Violent Crime:	Rating (1=highest priority; 2=priority; 3=concern but not as significant relative to others; 4=does not appear to drive a significant amount of our violent crime)	Focus of our Violence Reduction Strategy
Gangs or violent street groups	3	
Geographic hot spot areas	2	
Felons in possession of firearms	1	X
Prolific (chronic) violent offenders	1	X
Street disputes	3	
Household/family/neighbor disputes	4	
Intimate partner violence	2	
Illegal drug markets	1	X

Linking Targeted and Prioritized Enforcement Strategies to Problem Analysis:

Drivers of Violent Crime:	Strategies:
Gang or violent street groups	<p>Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to identify gangs and violent street groups and their members and investigate them for racketeering and other possible federal offenses.</p> <p>Identify acts of violence that are linked to gang or street group activity and consider federal prosecution.</p> <p>Aggressive federal prosecution of gun and other discrete charges when a target has been identified as an active member of a gang or violent street group.</p> <p>Making full use of debriefings of defendants who are willing to proffer in hopes of receiving a benefit for their cooperation, to identify connections between targets, develop evidence of an enterprise, and obtain an insider view of how the gangs and violent street groups are operating.</p>
Geographic hot spot areas	<p>Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to identify areas where criminal activity is concentrated and conduct hot spot enforcement.</p> <p>Prioritize sensitive areas—<i>e.g.</i>, areas around playgrounds, schools, and locations that are sensitive for the State of Hawaii’s tourism industry—for hot spot enforcement.</p> <p>Implement Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Drug Market Initiative to the extent possible in each of the counties.</p>
Felon in possession of firearms	<p>Working with state, local, and federal partners to identify gun arrests where federal prosecution would result in a more appropriate punishment, including pretrial detention when warranted.</p> <p>Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to develop probable cause to conduct search warrants of locations where firearms are believed to be kept, with the aim of proactively developing cases for federal prosecution.</p>
Prolific (chronic) violent offenders	<p>Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to identify these offenders, consider federal prosecution of cases that develop, and considering investigations to develop charges.</p>

Street disputes and household/family/neighbor disputes	Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to identify the individuals most likely to engage in street or household/family/neighbor disputes, and building cases to incapacitate them with gun or drug charges to avoid that possibility.
Intimate partner violence	Using available data and records to identify individuals who have a record of intimate partner violence and federally prosecuting any gun cases where possible, in order to stave of gun-related intimate partner violence wherever possible.
Illegal drug markets	Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to charge cases involving small amounts of drugs where federal tools— <i>e.g.</i> , prior felony information or career offender guidelines—allow for significant punishment. Developing larger-scale cases against drug trafficking organizations in Hawaii using the information and sources obtained by state and local partners, and using the resources and tools of federal partners.

IV. PREVENTION

Preventative Strategies:

People:	Strategies
High risk youth	Engagement by PSN Task Force partners with the communities with significant amounts of high risk youth—through mentoring and participation in other programs carried out by non-profit and other local organizations.
Gun-involved former prisoners returning to the community	Working with federal and state probation to ensure that these releasees are not veering in the wrong direction, and early intervention when there are problems. Encouraging the U.S. Probation Department to identify violations of supervised release by these releasees at the earliest stages, to bring supervisees before the court even on less significant violations.

Shooting victims	<p>Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to ensure that shooting victims are debriefed and kept in touch with, and apprised generally of the progress of investigations (where appropriate), in order to deter and discourage retaliation.</p> <p>We will obtain and study guidance from the National Center for Victims of Crime, a PSN TTA provider, to assist our efforts in victim/witness analysis.</p>
Places:	Strategies
Repeat violent crime locations, repeat violent crime street segments, and high violence neighborhoods and districts	Working with state and local partners, as well as federal partners, to identify these areas and conduct hot spot enforcement.

V. ACCOUNTABILITY AND NEXT STEPS

Accountability. USAO will maintain and collect outcome data measurements based on reduction of violent crime and numbers of investigations and prosecutions over the grant period. The PSN Task Force is tasked with the collection and analysis of the relevant data that focus on outcomes such as a reduction in violent crime in Hawaii. This accountability component is linked to the plan whereby the PSN Task Force partners regularly—specifically, at least once a quarter—to monitor crime data related to the targeted problem areas described above.

Next Steps. Our PSN Task Force partners are planning hot spot enforcement actions in each of the counties within the District of Hawaii. We are studying the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Drug Market Initiative Implementation Guide to determine whether it is possible in this District to take all of the nine steps set forth in that guidance. Within the next six months, we will plan these hot spot initiatives and carry one or more of them out. We will also continue to hold quarterly meetings with the PSN task force to continue updating our “top offender” lists in each of the counties within the District of Hawaii, and will meet individually at least once in the next six-month period with each of the counties to confer about problems unique to each county. Finally, we will ask PSN Task Force partners to use the Violent Reduction Assessment Tool within the next three months. In the meantime, we will continue vetting and prosecuting PSN cases whenever appropriate.