The Role of Police in Youth Violence Prevention

The St. Louis Police Department Perspective
Youth Violence Statistics 2012

- Homicides: 11
- Aggravated Assaults w/Gun: 355
- Aggravated Assaults: 200
- Sexual Assaults: 165
Sources of Violence

- Home
- Neighborhood
- School
- Community
Mission of Police

- “Protect and Serve”
- Deter Crime
- Create a feeling of safety in the community
- Respond to the service needs of the community
What is a youth?

- Infant 0-4
- Adolescent 5-12
- Teenager 13-18
- Young adult 19-25
- Legal definition
What is prevention?

- “Stop it before it happens”
- “Stop it in the act”
- “Stop any further violence”
- Youth Victimization Focus
- Youth Offender Focus
Youth Violence Prevention Neighborhood

- Patrol Intelligence
- Hot Spot Policing
- Problem Solving
- Compstat
- Home visits/ Night Watch Program
- School Details
Youth Violence Prevention School

- Juvenile Division School Crew
- Juvenile Division Street Crew
- Gang Unit
- Officer Friendly Program
- GREAT
Youth Violence Prevention
Home

- Patrol
- Child Abuse Unit
- Child Advocacy Center
- Cyber Crimes Unit
Youth Violence Prevention
Special Programs

- Police Athletic League
- Shop w/ a Cop
- Books and Badges
- Youth Police Academy
- Police Explores
- Youth Mentoring Program
Youth Violence Prevention

- Are we preventing youth violence?
- “Yes” and “I don’t know”
- How?
- How much?
- What works?
Measuring Youth Violence Prevention

- 2011 vs. 2012 Youth Violence
- Less Offenders
- Less Victims
- Less Repeat Offenders
- Less Repeat Victims
- Investigations, prosecutions, convictions, & probation/parole
Future of Policing
Youth Violence Prevention

- Predictive Models
- Measurement Models
- Retraining Police Officers
- Reforming the Call Response Process
- Establish Formal Partnerships