

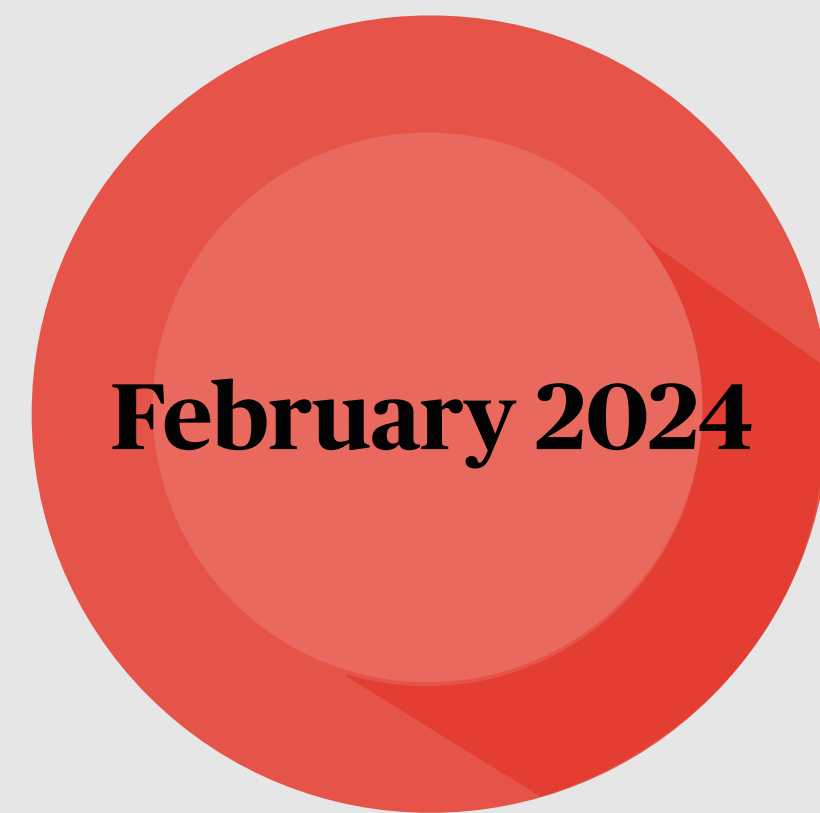
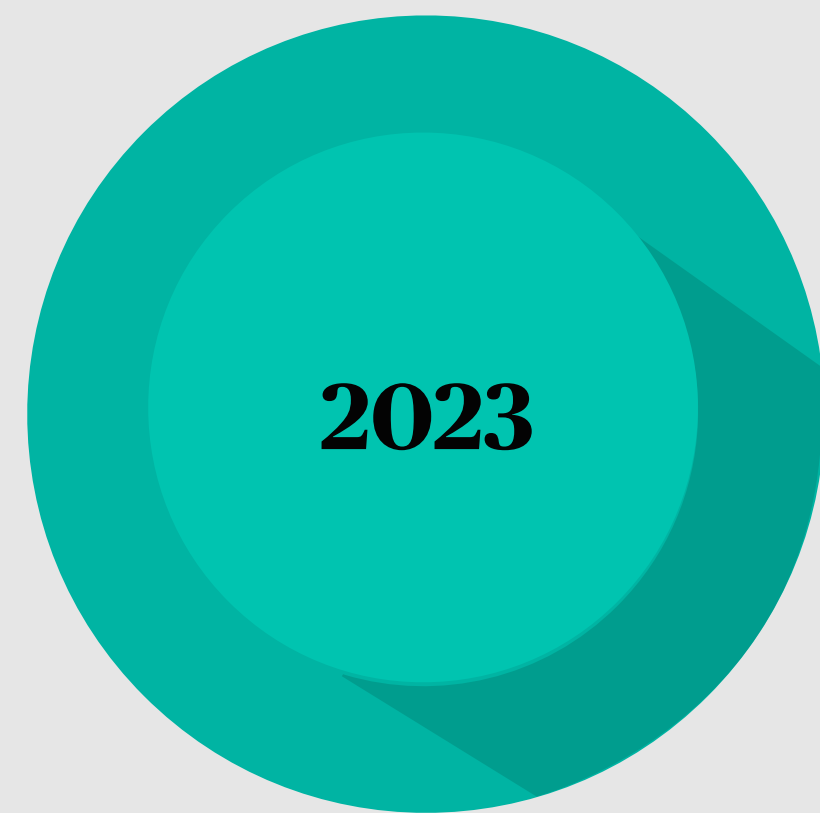
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Gun Violence Prevention:

May Updates

Presented by Brittany Coleman, MA, Gun Violence Intervention
Program Manager

Key Developments



- GPD reports:
- 14 homicides with 16 victims
 - 13 of which were killed by gunfire
 - 60 persons shot or injured by gunfire
 - 147 reports of shots fired

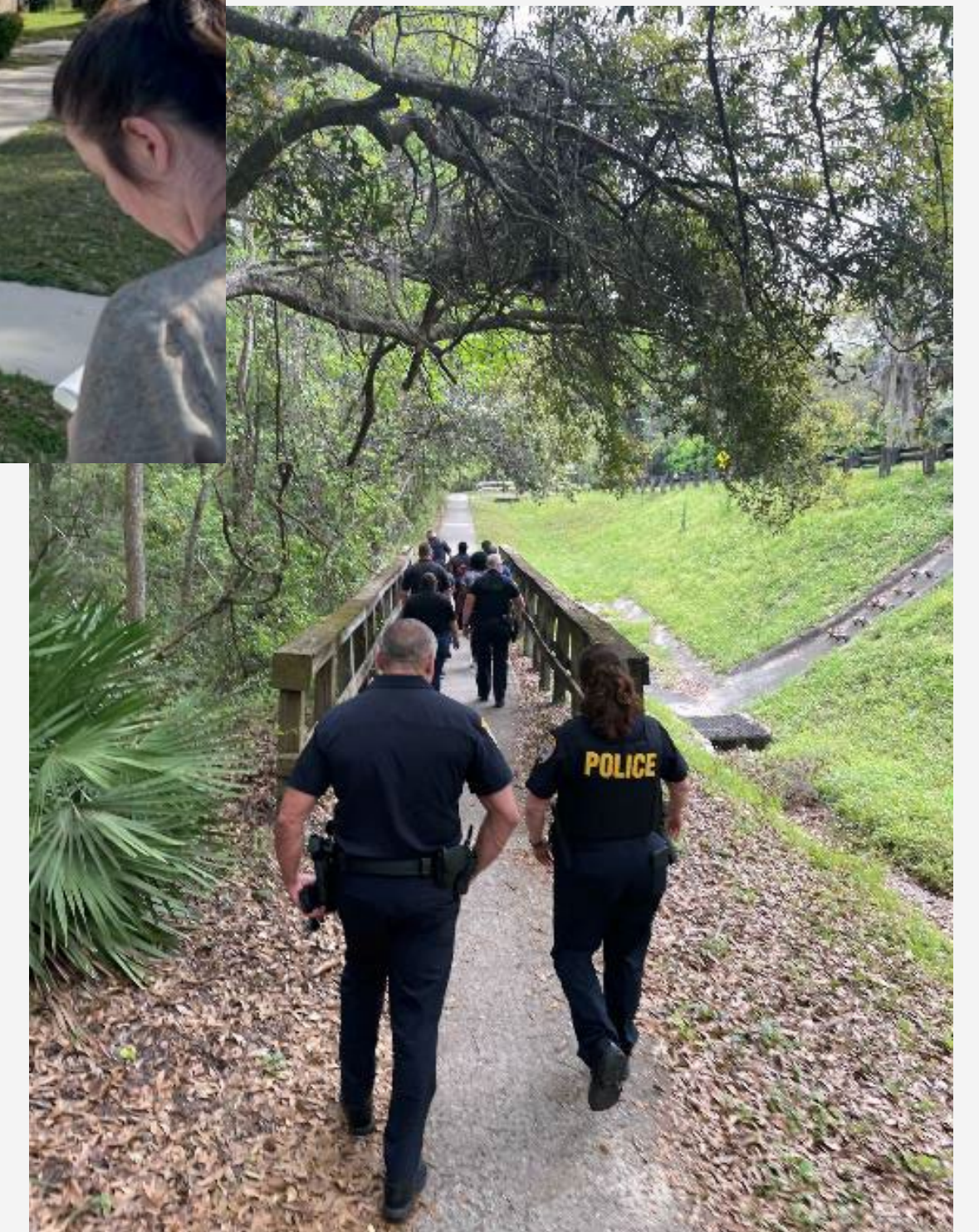
City Commission allocates \$150,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding to gun violence prevention efforts

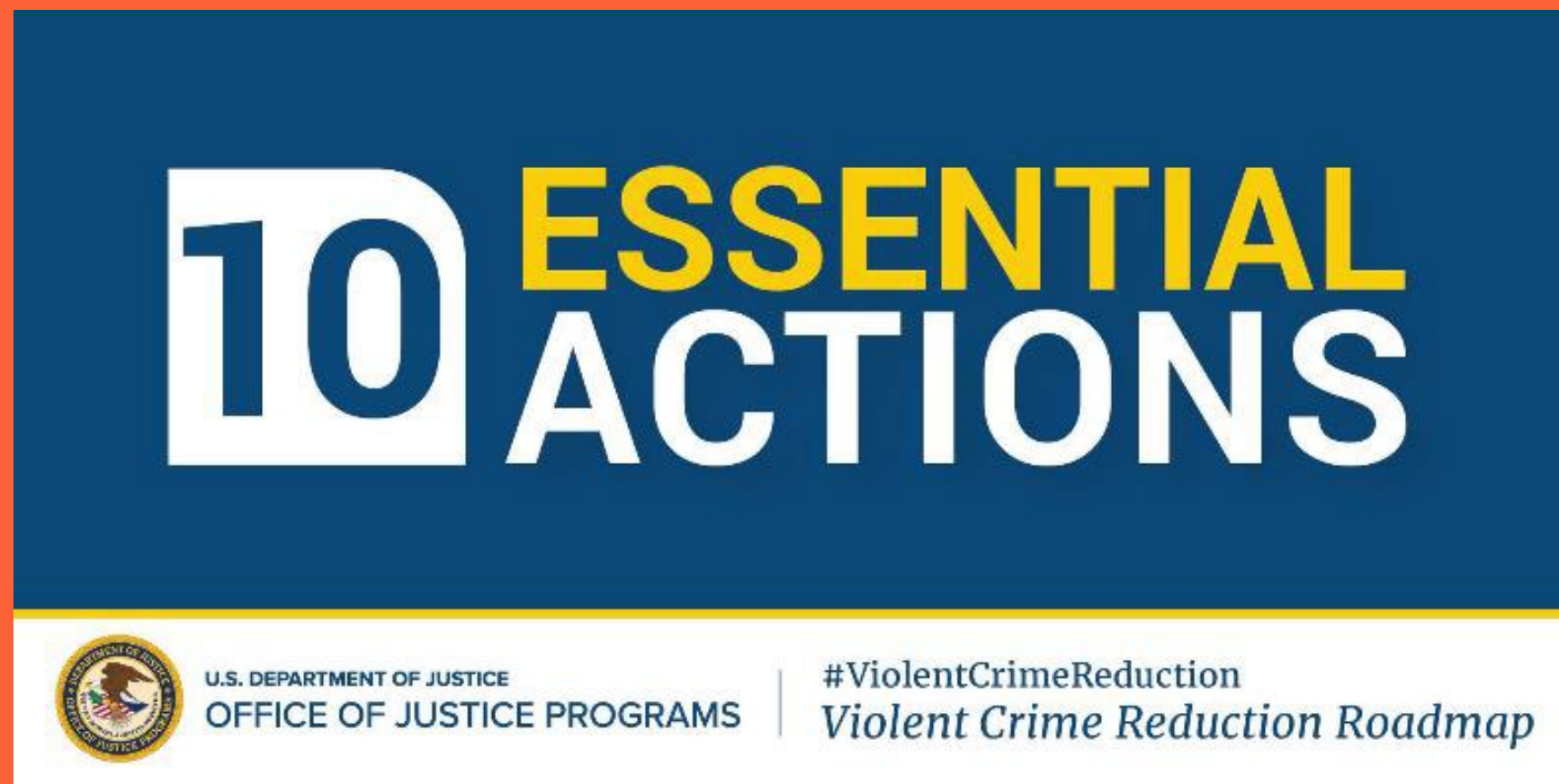
Brittany Coleman began her role as the city's Gun Violence Intervention Program Manager

- Community engagements and events
- Draft program planning
- Grant identification

Tenets of the Effort

- Connecting with and supporting the work of community organizations
- Providing trauma-informed outreach
- Collaboration with law enforcement, neighborhoods, faith-based organizations, outreach providers, and other stakeholders
- Developing culturally sensitive community-based solutions
- Focus on youth and those with lived experience





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- Developed using the “Ten Essential Actions for Violent Crime Reduction” from the DOJ and the CDC’s Social-Ecological Model
- Incorporates feedback from community engagement efforts – listening sessions, town halls, Choose Peace Summit

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- Improve access to mental health services, social support, and the arts
- Mobilize and enhance existing community-based services and groups
- Prioritize public health and safety efforts in areas most impacted by gun violence
- Analyze gun violence data
- Center youth
- Track progress

IMPACT GNV Efforts Currently Underway

- Engaging stakeholders for Gun Violence Prevention Month in June
- Developing a gun violence awareness social media and messaging campaign
- Exploring grant funding opportunities in collaboration with GPD and other partners
- Taking next steps to establish the Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance approved by the Gainesville City Commission, Alachua County Board of Commissioners and Santa Fe College Board of Trustees
- Hosting crisis Intervention and de-escalation workshops for community members and health and social service providers in partnership with the Alachua County Crisis Center
- Expanding staffing to launch new gun violence prevention initiatives by bringing in four community builders from B.O.L.D. (Brave, Overt Leaders of Distinction)

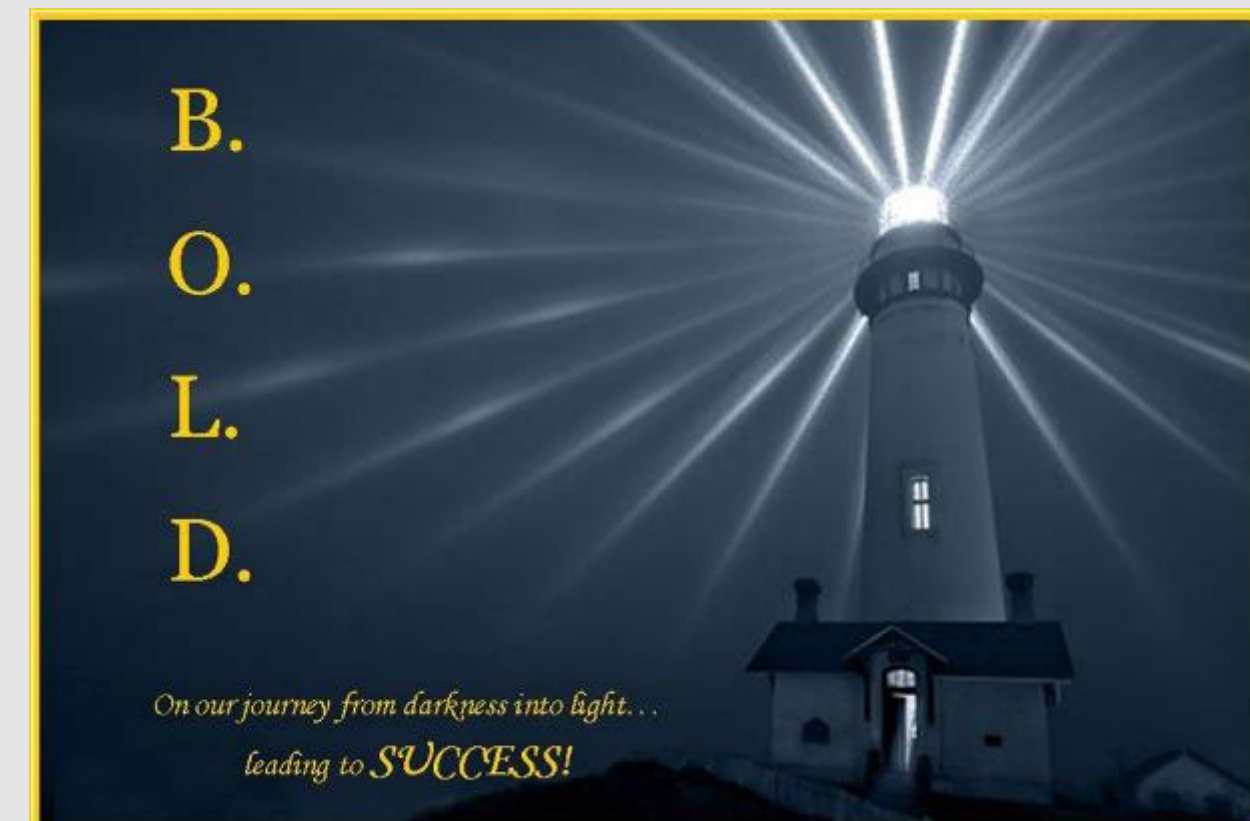
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Bold Overt Leaders of Distinction (B.O.L.D)

Provides assistance to young men in need of guidance as they navigate life situations and circumstances – often justice-involved

- B.O.L.D program placed on special assignment under Chief Dixon in connection with the city's Community Health and Gun Violence efforts
- Program will continue to provide support to the city's prevention and intervention efforts
- Partnership with the GFR Community Resource Paramedicine program to facilitate access to healthcare, housing, and other needs



Violence Interrupter Partners (VIP)



Through collaboration with the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, a nonprofit that has served the youth of our community since 2018.

- WMS is producing multiple performances of “Who’s in the Box?” under One Nation One Project GNV
- Contracted to work with the city to create a community network of violence interrupter partners
- Network will focus on schools, after-school programs, churches, groups for justice-involved individuals and others
- Partnership will create an interconnected framework that utilizes prevention and intervention strategies to support positive structure and interrupt violence

Other IMPACT GNV Components

Community Care Call Outs: Collaboration between Gainesville Police Department, Gainesville Fire Rescue, and Alachua County Community Support Services to respond closely after incidents of gun violence to offer support services, trauma-informed outreach and public safety information

One Nation One Project GNV: Aims to increase opportunities for youth to engage in arts and cultural activities to improve their wellbeing and reduce youth gun violence. Six Phase 2 grant awardees and 3 partner projects are currently underway.

- The city hosted the Career Influencer Showcase x Arts and Culture on 4/27 at the Santa Fe Blount Center. Arts and cultural businesses from around the community came to exhibit their work to local youth and their families.
- On July 27th, we will participate in the National Community Culminating Event produced by Artistic Director Marion J. Caffey.

Career Influencer Showcase x Arts and Culture



**One Nation
One Project
GNV**



Positive Engagement to Guide Young People

- **Mirror Image Leadership Academy Gala Co-Sponsorship - \$10,000**
 - Primarily targeting African American students, the academy's comprehensive curriculum comprises a School Year Academy, an Extended Day After-school Program, and a Summer Academy featuring local, national, and international travel opportunities
 - Celebration of the graduation of the first cohort of young scholars to complete the program hosted on May 16th
- **People Against Violence Enterprises (P.A.V.E.) – Annual Funding Support**
 - P.A.V.E. is an organization dedicated to paving the way for a more peaceful community for our youth
 - The group has hosted many events over 25 years to promote violence prevention education and mediation, including working with primary sponsor Meridian Behavioral Healthcare to distribute approximately 50,000 backpacks to youth in Gainesville
- **“Class of Her Own” Documentary Film Screening**
 - A critically acclaimed documentary about a highly innovative teacher from east Gainesville will anchor the Journey to Juneteenth Film Festival at 6 pm on June 8 at the A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center
 - Through partnership with Alachua County Public Schools, the film tells the story of Duval Elementary teacher Gloria Jean Merriex's successful reinvention of her school's curriculum to draw on the power of hip hop, dance, and call-and-response to teach reading and math

Coordination with Federal Gun Violence Prevention Efforts



In September 2023, President Joe Biden established the first-ever White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP) to implement and expand upon key executive and legislative action which has been taken to save lives

- District 3 Commissioner Casey Willits: Met with OGVP on 12/1/23 to share materials from the 2023 Gun Violence Summit and discussed grant programs.
- Mayor Harvey Ward: Met with Office of Public Engagement on 2/7/24 to discussed issues including gun violence.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Moore Chesnut: Met with Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-Orlando), the Vice Chair of the Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, on 3/12/24
- Government Affairs and Community Relations Director John Alexander and Legislative Affairs Coordination Dr. Thomas Harrington met with United States Department of Justice staff on March 13, 2024 to discuss gun violence and other funding opportunities

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The Work Continues