



Serious and Violent Crime Reduction Strategy

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Aim: To reduce the incidence of Serious and Violent personal crime in the Northern Territory Community.

There are four key components to the Strategy.

1. Early Intervention and Prevention

Aim

To use problem solving approaches to deter offending, disrupt the cycle of violence and minimise harm.

Strategies

- Promote understanding through local and broader community engagement of the services police provide, the linkages between crime and alcohol/drug abuse, and the support services available.
- Identify trends, patterns and linkages with violent crime through intelligence led methodologies to direct police resources to reassure the community and prevent offending.
- Actively assess and report concerns or suspicions of personal violence identified through contact with the community.

2. Response, Investigation & Enforcement

Aim

To provide high quality and timely service delivery to prevent and minimise harm, investigate offences and prosecute offenders.

Strategies

- Gain community confidence of mandatory reporting through a coordinated and consistent policing and cross agency response to domestic violence and child abuse offences.
- Utilise the legislative framework to seek and obtain domestic violence orders.
- Ensure recidivist offenders are managed effectively through a rigorous, no tolerance, and targeted enforcement approach.
- Conduct high quality and timely investigations, whilst providing victims with relevant support services and information on the investigative process to realise successful outcomes.

3. Partnerships

Aim

To participate in and lead collaborative approaches to addressing the causes of violence, enhancing victim safety and providing support.

Strategies

- Work and consult with government agencies and service providers to reduce repeat victims (and their families) exposure to further victimisation, promote the mandatory reporting principles and continue to identify approaches to address underlying causes of violence.
- Coordinate and collaborate with service providers to deliver targeted interventions with high risk recidivist offenders.
- Support local and national harm minimisation strategies relating to alcohol and drug abuse and work together to promote the clear linkages associated with personal and family violence.

4. Capacity Building

Aim

To ensure our people and systems are capable and committed to meeting service delivery standards.

Strategies

- Prioritise and focus the intelligence led approach across the agency and use this to identify, engage and manage repeat offenders and victims.
- Educate and garner support from supervisors and officers to provide quality initial response and follow up services to victims by fostering an agency wide collegiate approach.
- Streamline systems and processes to ensure efficient and effective support is available to police responders, investigators and prosecutors by reviewing all matters on a case by case basis.