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Date: January 6, 2004

To: Mayor Beverly O'Neill and Councilmembers

From: Dennis Carroll, 4th District Councilmember *DWC*
Frank Colonna, Vice Mayor, 3rd District Councilmember *FC*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Request Report the City Manager on Police Department Action Plan Regarding Gang Related Violence in Long Beach**

The City Manager is to be commended for prioritizing efforts to reduce crime in Long Beach and our City Council has made a commitment to eliminate the terror of gangs and violence from every neighborhood in our city. Unfortunately, we have witnessed four homicides in the past 90 days, including a high school student and a resident U.S. Marine of Cambodian descent.

We must respond to this renewed, senseless cycle of gang related violence with an intense and sustained effort led by our Police Department. The recent "Operation Clean Streets" task force and the "Mile of Men" marches have demonstrated our community's widespread commitment to maintaining peace in our neighborhoods. Law abiding citizens have had enough. We must stop the violence.

Action requested: We respectfully request a report from the City Manager regarding the Police Chief's current violent crime suppression strategy / action plan to address the current episode of gang related violence in our city.

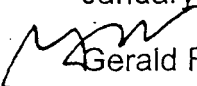
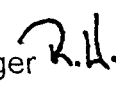
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CITY OF LONG BEACH
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Date: January 6, 2004
To:  Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager 
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Youth and Gang Violence Prevention

On November 4, 2003, the City of Long Beach Human Relations Commission (HRC) presented an "Interim Report and Re-examination of the Problems of Youth and Gang Violence in the City of Long Beach." The report reflects the impacts that youth violence has on the quality of life of youth and human relations in the city. Further, the report calls for the formation of a taskforce to develop a citywide comprehensive approach to implement recommendations from the report over a three-year period.

At the conclusion of the presentation the City Council directed the City Manager to work with City staff, LBUSD, City and County Human Relations Commissions, youth and community groups to:

- Review current policies and programs performed by the City and community-based organizations;
- Create a citywide Intervention Task Force;
- Provide a plan to implement recommendations from the Human Relations Commission included in the report;
- Prepare a report by city, district and race giving statistics of Long Beach gang-related activities, including violent criminal activity and how many cases are still open, and how many solved;
- Benchmark other cities on successful programs, such as the County of Los Angeles GAP Program; and
- Evaluate the potential of "direct" contact and solution building with gang members

In order to implement the directions given to the City Manager, a **Resource Team**, composed of City and Long Beach School District staff, with input from the HRC, has been formed. The Resource Team will review the City's current youth-serving policies and programs to benchmark programs from other cities and recommend an operating framework to implement the HRC recommendations.

Operating Framework

The Operating Framework (attached) recommends the formation of a **Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee**, representing, as the HRC report recommends, every major leadership sector of our community, including the faith community, educational institutions, local government, law enforcement, business, neighborhood and community-based organizations. This Steering Committee will meet over the three-year implementation period to identify the overarching implementation strategies of the HRC recommendations, identify additional resources needed and ensure alignment of the strategic direction.

Based on the implementation strategies developed by the Steering Committee, **Youth Violence Taskforce Committees** will be formed to implement specific HRC recommendations. These Taskforce committees, composed of representatives from youth-serving organizations, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, educational, business and neighborhood organizations will be formed around specific strategic-focus areas to take advantage of each member's distinct skills, knowledge, ability and program orientation.

Finally, an **External Evaluation Team** will be formed to provide oversight, monitor progress and provide ongoing support to both the steering committee and the various taskforces. This Evaluation Team will be composed of the highest leadership of the city to reflect the diverse interests impacted by youth violence. The Resource Team will provide ongoing staff support to the overall effort.

The HRC has provided a detailed report on the current situation on youth and gang violence in the city. The recommendations from the report call for a comprehensive, coordinated response. This operating framework provides an opportunity for staff and the entire community to work collectively toward sustained solutions.

The Steering Committee will forward comprehensive reports requested by the Council along with funding recommendations. Reports requested from the Police Department will be forwarded under separate cover. It is anticipated that membership recommendations for the Steering Committee and External Evaluation Team will be made to the Mayor and City Council within 30 days. Recommendations to the Taskforce Committees will be made as the Steering Committee develops specific strategic directions. If you have questions or require additional information please contact me at extension 85850.

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Attachment

cc: Chair, Human Relations Commission
Resource Team

Youth Violence Prevention Operating Framework

Resource Team

- Composed of staff from the City Manager's Office, Human Dignity Coordinator, Police, Health, Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Development, Library, LBUSD and Human Relations Commission (HRC)
- Review City's current youth-serving policies/programs
- Benchmark Programs from other cities
- Develop framework to implement HRC recommendations
- Provide ongoing staff support

Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee

- Composed of representatives from major leadership sectors of the community, consistent with HRC recommendations (faith-based organizations, educational institutions, local government, law enforcement, business, neighborhood and community-based organizations)
- Identify overarching implementation strategies of HRC recommendations
- Identify priorities, resources and gaps in the youth-serving community
- Ensure alignment of strategic direction by providing recommendations to Youth Violence Task Force Committees
- Forward comprehensive reports/recommendations to City Council

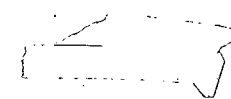



Youth Violence Taskforce Committees

- Composed of representatives from youth-servicing organizations, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, educational, business and neighborhood organizations based on each member's skills, knowledge, ability and program orientation
- Implement specific HRC recommendations
- Ensure alignment of program goals with overall strategic direction
- Create feedback mechanism to measure effectiveness of strategic direction

External Evaluation Team

- Composed of High-level City leadership
- Provide oversight, monitor progress and provide support to Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee and Youth Violence Taskforce Committees



Violent Crime Suppression Strategies 2004

Chief Anthony Batts
Long Beach Police Department

January 6, 2004

Violent Crime Department Focus

- Accurate & Timely Intelligence
- Rapid Deployment of Resources
- Proactive Criminal Investigations
- Speed & Boldness
- Relentless Follow-Up
- Biweekly Crime Strategy Meetings

Violent Crime Suppression Strategies

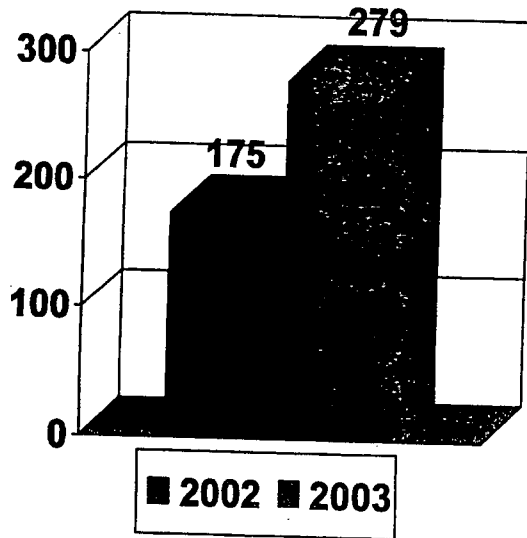
- LBPD Violent Crime Task Force
- Reassigned Detectives to Peak Criminal Hours
- Detective Response to Every Gang-Related Shooting
- Joint Ops - LA Sheriffs Operation Safe Streets
- Key Leadership in Regional Gang Task Forces
 - Chair - LA Interagency Gang Task Force
 - Commanding Officer - LA Impact Gang Task Force

Violent Crime Suppression Strategies (cont.)

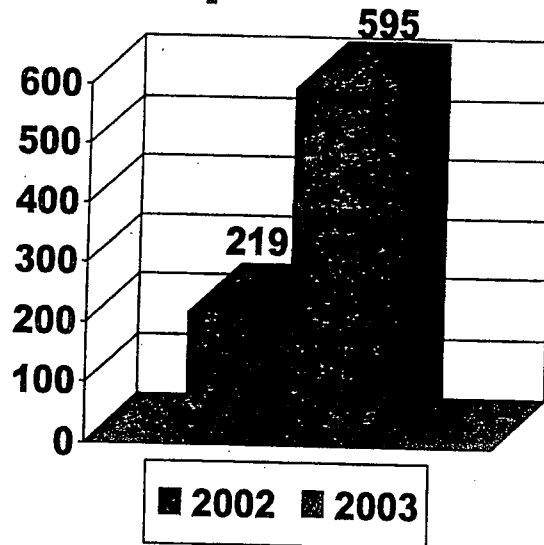
- FBI Violent Crime Task Force
- ATF Task Force
- Community Outreach
 - Mile of Men
 - Clergy Council
 - Action Oriented Advisory Groups
 - Chief's Forum – CSULB Urban Research Group
 - LBUSD
- Community Oriented Public Safety
- Additional Grant Funding

Violent Crime Suppression Statistics 2002 vs. 2003 (November YTD)

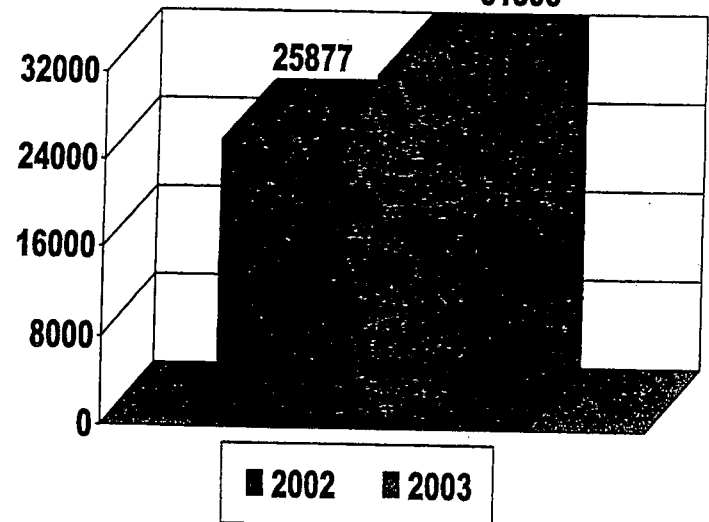
Search Warrants
up 59%



Weapons Seized
up 171%



Arrests
up 23%



Robbery Suspects Arrested

- March 2003
- 10th / Walnut Street – Known Gang Hangout
- 3 Robberies in Front of Market
- Community Cooperation Crucial
 - 10 Locations Searched
 - 6 Gang Members Arrested
 - 1 Shotgun & 2 Handguns Recovered
 - 3 Robbery Cases Cleared

Sting tries to loosen gangs' grip

Editors' note:

"Enough is Enough" reflects the reaction of Long Beach residents to recent shootings and gang activity in the community. The Press-Telegram is dedicated to reporting on the causes of gang violence and on the people who are successfully dealing with the issues.

Enough is Enough

Crime: Three-week operation in Central Long Beach ends in drug arrests.

being used to stash the drugs and were frequently vandalized to discourage any potential renters, Wegner said.

"One gentleman can't even walk onto on his own property," Wegner said. "They've told him that they own this neighborhood."

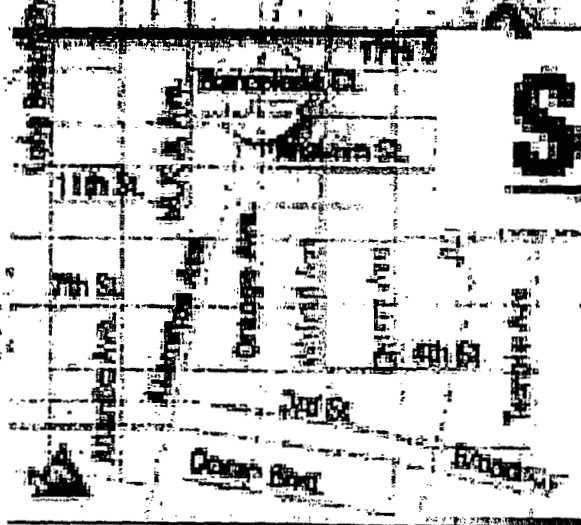
Police and city employees, however, want to see residents take that neighborhood back. Thus, the

street in broad daylight, police said. Drugs were kept in different areas, usually side yards and inside apartments. And one day, Parham was videotaped selling drugs with his young son, believed to be about 5 years old, in tow, police said.

Suffer charges

DRUG BUST

LONG BEACH



strikes, she said. n undercover operationed with federal

Seven arrested

to take the place of those arrested.

The neighborhood houses a range of ethnicities, including black, Latino, Khmer and white. Families with young children dot the area, as do seniors. Most say they keep an eye out for one another, and avoid 17th and Alamitos, 16th Street and Orange Avenue, and Barcelona Court.

"When we moved in here I thought we were getting a great deal because this is a three-bed-


Victims' help = quick arrests

Crime: Cooperation by alleged gang members lets police nab L.B. drive-by suspects.

LONG BEACH — Police are praising the cooperation of victims in a drive-by attack Tuesday night, saying their help proved crucial in:

Two teens were hurt, including one left near death, after shots rang out at about 7

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In what authorities are touting as an amazing feat in detective work coupled with the victims' willingness to help, police were able to arrest the suspects, serve two search warrants in the case and seize a stolen car and a gun by 11 p.m.

"Cooperation from witnesses at crime scenes is imperative ... In this case, it enabled our detectives to arrest all of our

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Read more about gangs on the Net

4 held within hours

Crime: Action
aimed at members
believed culpable in
freeway shooting.

By Kristopher Hanson
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Six men and a
woman were arrested early Tues.

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"This was a gang that has been
involved in a lot of violence in parts
of Long Beach, Compton, Ceres,
Los Angeles and other areas,"
Ornelas said. "The best part
being able to get all those guns
off the streets. Every gun that's out
of a gang member's hands gives
one less person we have to worry
about."

Members of the Long Beach
Police Department's Gang and Vi

7 arrested in raids on gang suspects

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Officials
said.

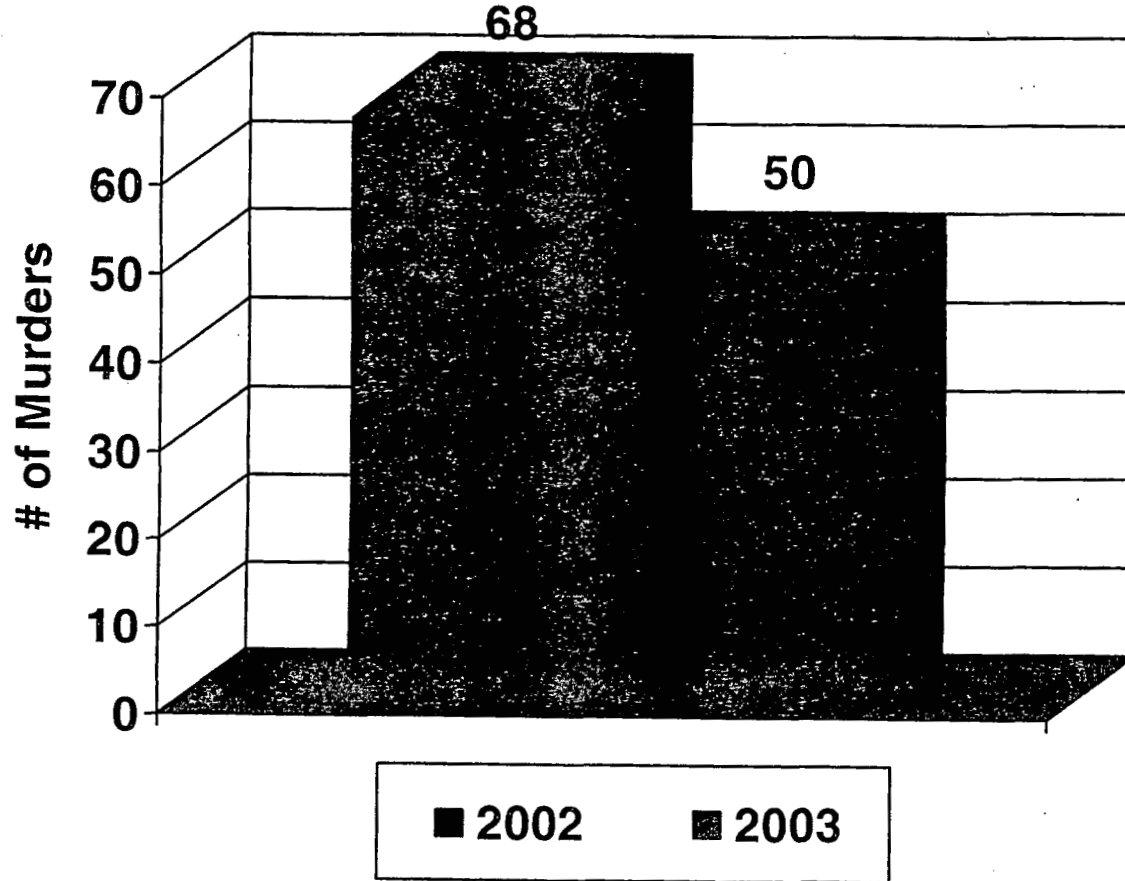
During raids at 20 locations in
and around the Long Beach area
Tuesday, detectives confiscated 14
handguns, rifles and shotguns,
seized narcotics and arrested the
seven suspected gang members.

guns and an assault rifle with
100-round magazine clip, are being
sent to local labs to determine
they were used in any murders or
attacks, Ornelas said.

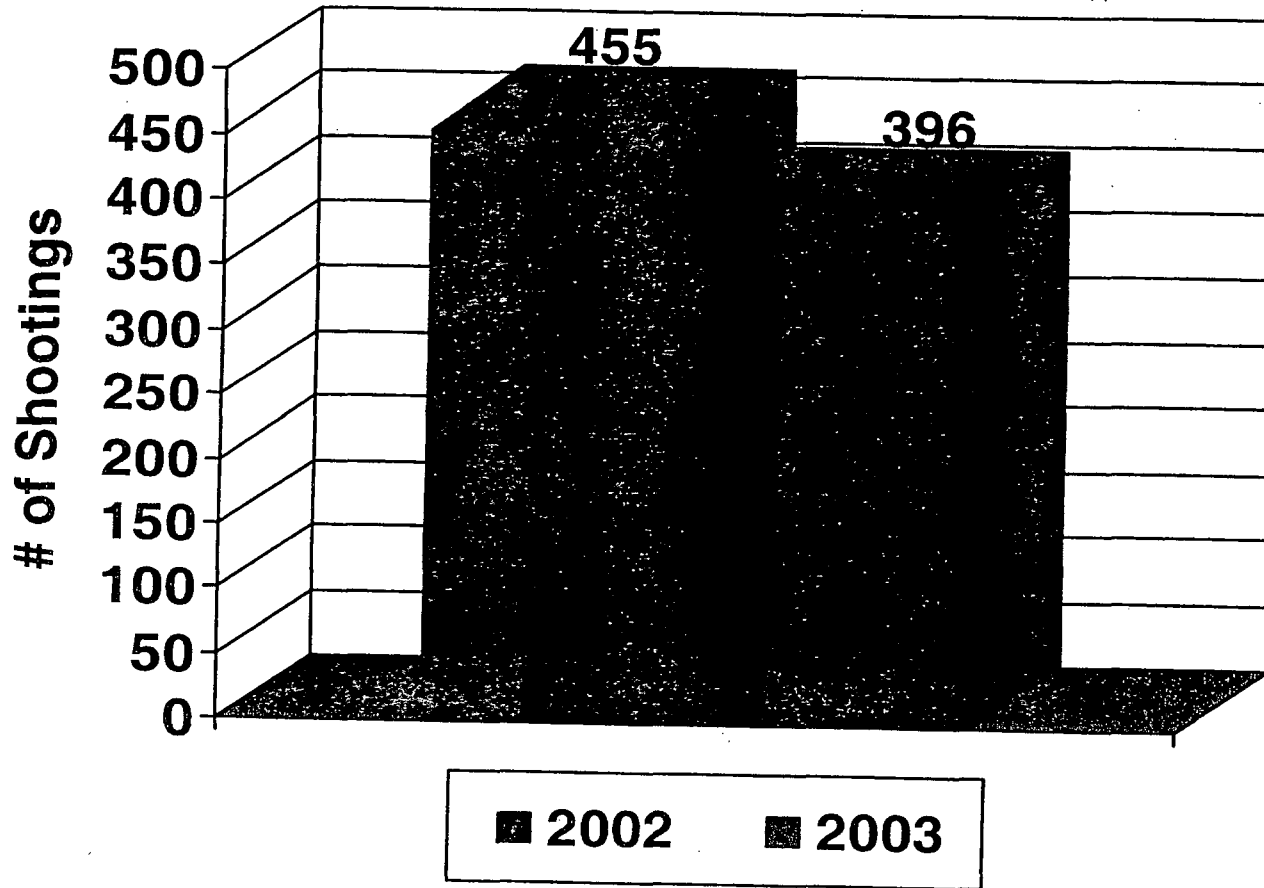
Stephens was shot following an
argument between the Bloods and
rival gang members that began

Murders

Down 28%

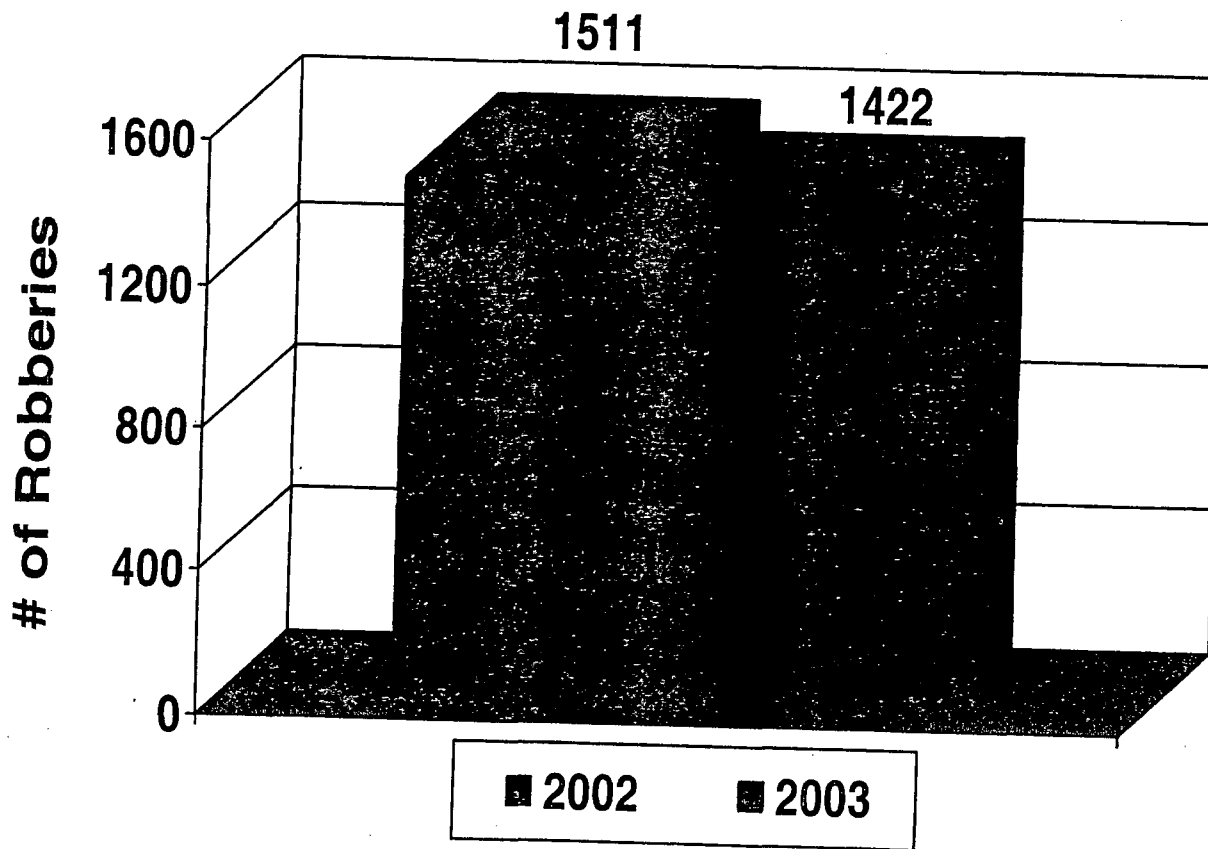


Shootings *Down 13%*

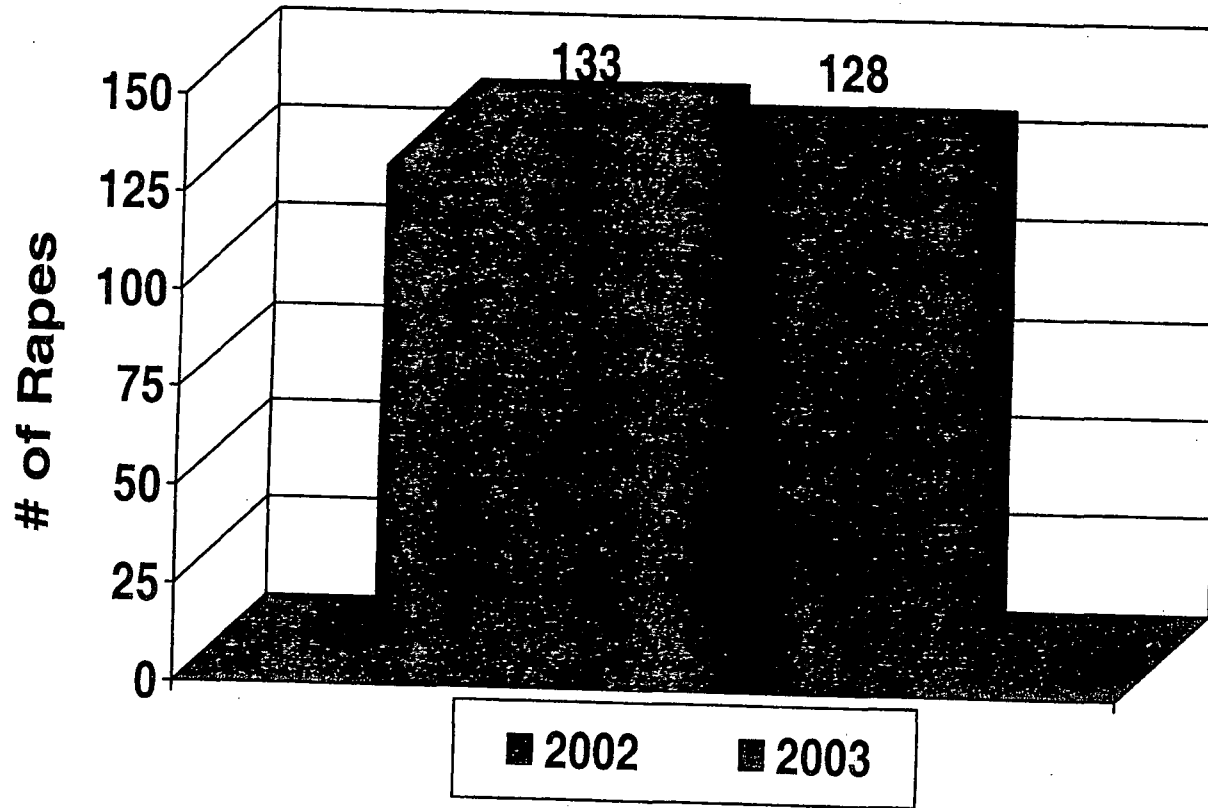


Robberies

Down 6%

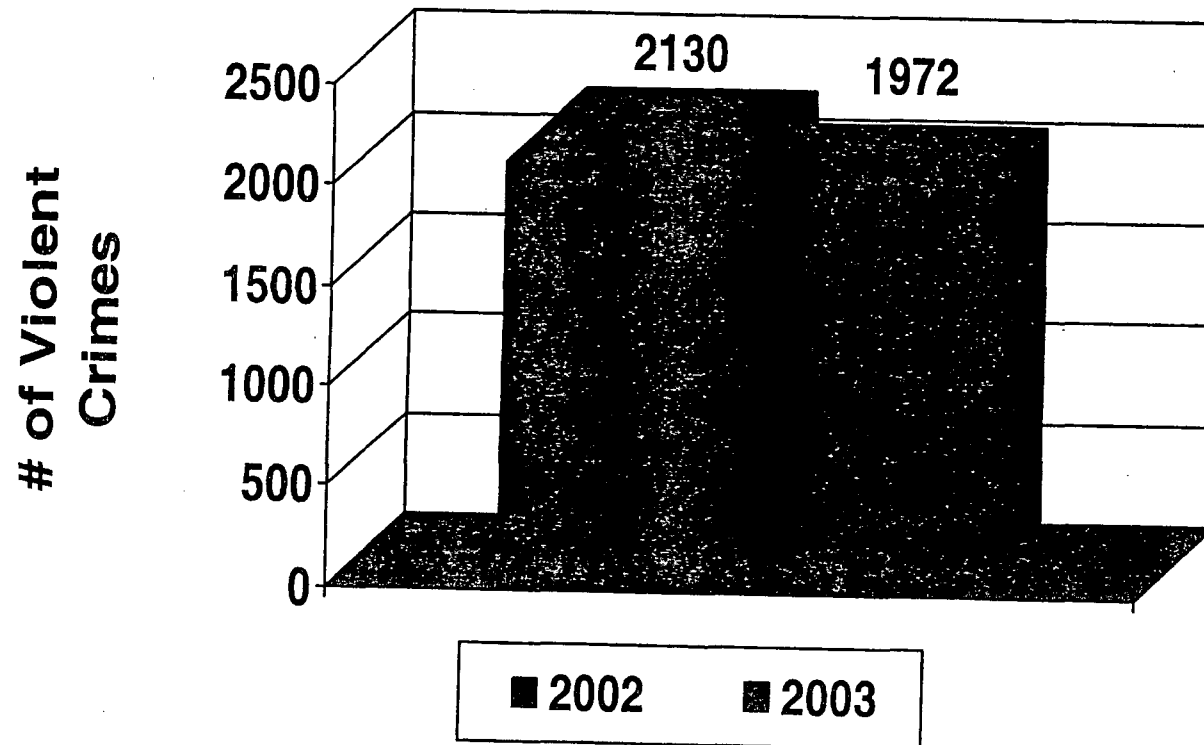


Rapes Down 4%



Total Violent Crimes

Down 7.4%

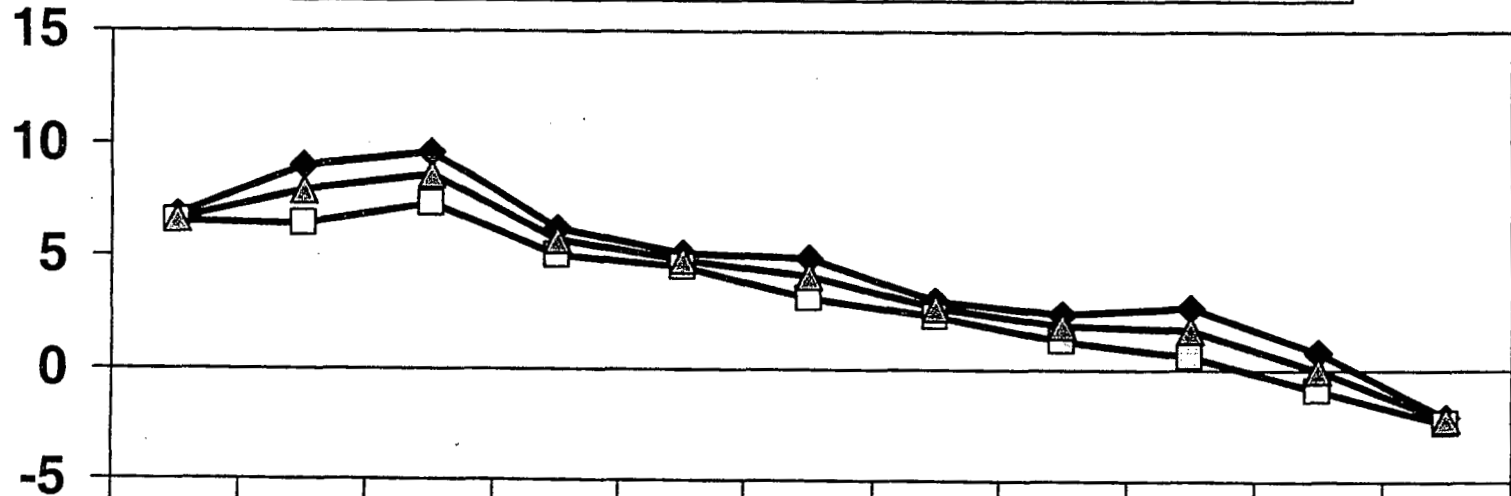


Crime Rate

Percentage Change by Month

2003 vs. 2002

◆ Part I □ Part II ▲ Total Crime



	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
◆ Part I	6.8	9	9.6	6.2	5.1	4.9	3	2.4	2.7	0.7	-2.1
□ Part II	6.5	6.4	7.3	5	4.5	3.1	2.3	1.2	0.5	-0.9	-2.4
▲ Total Crime	6.6	7.9	8.6	5.7	4.8	4.1	2.7	1.9	1.7	0	-2.2

Our Commitment for 2004

- Community Partnerships
- Continuing Leadership Role in Region
- Target Gang Leadership
- Routine Evaluation of Best Practices
- Walking Beats in High Crime Areas
- Technology Improvements
- Grant Utilization



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Energy Bill with MTBE Liability Protection Stalled 4

House Transportation Leaders Release New Bill 16

CONGRESS POISED TO CUT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT BY 44 PERCENT, COPS BY 24 PERCENT

By Ed Somers

Major cuts will be made to a host of key local law enforcement programs under the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2004 which Congress is about to vote on unless changes can be made to the bill.

Under the bill (H.Rept. 108-401), which is scheduled for House and Senate floor action the week of December 8, the Local Law Enforcement Block

ACTION ALERT

Mayors and police chiefs are urged to contact their Congressional delegations and urge that the cuts in the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and the COPS program be rejected. Votes will be held on the House and Senate during the week of December 8.

Grant would be cut by 44 percent to \$225 million and the COPS program would be cut by 24 percent to \$487 million.

One of the major cuts in COPS funding is in the area of hiring programs, with funds cut from \$200 million last year to \$115 million in FY 2004.

And, of the \$225 million for LLEBG, only \$132 million would be available to

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local governments through the program after the traditional earmarks are accounted for.

The Conference of Mayors has been working to maintain level funding for these key programs under the leadership of Conference President Hempstead (NY) Mayor James A. Garner, along with Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force Chair Scott L. King of Gary and Criminal and Social Justice Committee Chair J. Christian Bollwage of Elizabeth.

In commenting on these proposed cuts, Garner said, "Mayors and police chiefs know that the fight against crime continues in cities across the nation. With cities facing the added responsibility of providing homeland security at the local level, as well as state and local budget shortfalls, Congress must not reduce funding for law enforcement programs which have proven effective in reducing crime."

"The nation's mayors urge Congress to reject the proposed cuts in our key law enforcement partnership programs, especially the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and the COPS program," Garner added.

In addition to these cuts, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant would be cut by 68 percent to \$60 million, state drug treatment funding for prisons would be eliminated, and drug court funding would be cut. In one positive move, funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) would be increased from \$248 million to \$300 million.

Both the House and Senate are scheduled to act on the Consolidated bill the week of December 8. However, objections are expected to be raised in the Senate, which could delay final action on the bill until January of 2004.

Following is a breakdown of key law enforcement programs under the proposed Consolidated Bill.

Local Law Enforcement Block

Grant (LLEBG)

Program	FY 2003	FY 2004
LLEBG	\$400 million	\$225 million*

*Of the total \$225 million, \$80 million is earmarked for the Boys and Girls Clubs, \$3 million is for the USA Freedom Corps, and \$10 million is for the National Institute on Justice. This is similar to past years.

COPS Funding

Program	FY 2003	FY 2004
Hiring	\$198.7 million	\$115 million*
Training and Technical Assistance	\$20.6 million	\$5 million
Tribal Law Enforcement	\$34.7 million	\$25 million
Methamphetamine Hot Spots	\$56.7 million	\$54 million
COPS Technologies	\$188.7 million	\$158.4 million
Interoperability Grants	\$74.6 million	\$85 million
Safe Schools	\$15.1 million	\$4.6 million
Police Integrity Grants	\$16.8 million	\$10 million
Management and Administration	\$33 million	\$30 million
COPS Total	\$638.9 million	\$487 million

*Of the total \$115 million for hiring, \$60 million is for School Resource Officers.

AIDS Day

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The delegation observed AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria treatment and prevention activities, both in urban and remote areas of four hard-hit nations: Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia, plus a stopover in Cameroon. In addition, the delegation visited sites supported by President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and by the Global Fund. The delegation also saw examples of existing public-private partnerships and discussed future plans for the private sector to engage in the fight against the diseases.

In August of this year, Garner led a delegation of nine mayors from the U.S. Conference of Mayors on a mission to four African nations: South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda to analyze the impact of HIV/AIDS on economic and youth development in African cities and nations. The mission was the largest undertaken in the 71-year history of the Conference of Mayors, and allowed U.S. mayors to share their experiences with African mayors and begin building collaborative



partnerships between U.S. cities and African cities in response to the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Other Law Enforcement Programs

Program	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	\$248.4 million	\$300 million
Violence Against Women Act	\$387.6 million	\$387.6 million
Byrne Grant (Formula)	\$496.7 million	\$500 million
Byrne Grant (Discretionary)	\$150 million	\$159 million
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant	\$190 million	\$60 million
State Prison Drug Treatment	\$64.5 million	0
Drug Courts	\$44.7 million	\$38.5 million
Bullet Proof Vests	\$25.2 million	\$25 million
SW Border Prosecutor Program	\$39.7 million	\$30 million
Gun Violence Reduction Program	\$44.7 million	\$30 million
Offender Re-Entry	\$14.8 million	\$5 million
Project Sentry	\$9.9 million	\$15 million
DNA/Crime Lab Initiative	\$81 million	\$100 million
Weed and Seed	\$58.5 million	\$58.5 million
Project Safe Neighborhoods	\$45 million	\$30 million

The Conference of Mayors has been working to maintain level funding for these key programs under the leadership of Conference President Hempstead Mayor James A. Garner, along with Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force Chair Scott L. King of Gary and Criminal and Social Justice Committee Chair J. Christian Bollwage of Elizabeth.