

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

GUN VIOLENCE RESOURCE HANDOUT – 2020 EXTERNAL



Division / Resources Helpful to Communities Experiencing Gun Violence

- Please note that DPS has many career paths; **mentoring and employment opportunities** will be recorded for all divisions.

Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement (AGE)

445 Minnesota St, Ste 1600

St. Paul, MN 55101

651/201-7500

dps.mn.gov/divisions/age

- AGE agents are available for undercover operations involving liquor-serving establishments.
- AGE can provide education and training for law enforcement regarding liquor licensing and on-sale laws.

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)

1430 Maryland Ave E

St. Paul MN 55106

651/793-7000

dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca

(See attached list for all services available to law enforcement)

Investigations Unit

- Can assist local law enforcement throughout the state with:
 - homicide and death investigations
 - officer involved shooting investigations
 - narcotics cases
- Agents provide technical assistance in cellular tracking and surveillance.
- Agents are assigned to the Violent Crimes Task Force, Safe Streets Task Force and Financial Crimes Task Force.
- The BCA provides crime scene training to all local law enforcement in addition to training that can help local law enforcement agencies identify latent prints.
- The BCA has established an internship program.

Criminal Information and Operations Section

- The Minnesota Fusion Center receives and analyzes threat-related information from federal, state, local, tribal, territorial and private-sector partners. The data is not real-time; the Fusion Center looks at trends and works with local law enforcement to provide analytical assistance.
- Administers the Missing and Unidentified Persons, AMBER Alert and Blue Alert programs.
- Minnesota Crime Alert Network (MCAN) can send crime alerts to dozens, hundreds or thousands of people within minutes via email, text or fax.
- BCA Operations Duty Officer is a single answering point for local and state agencies to request state-level assistance for emergencies, serious accidents or incidents, or for reporting hazardous materials and petroleum spills. The duty officer is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- BCA Tipline at 1-877-996-6222.

Predatory Crimes (PCS) and Technical Services Section

- Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force
- Internet Crimes Against Children Unit and Statewide Task Force
- Cyber-Crimes Task Force
- The Digital Multi-Media Evidence Unit provides computer forensic services for law enforcement statewide.
- Predatory Offender Registration Unit and agents are assigned to predatory offender investigations.

Forensic Science Services Section

- Laboratories in St. Paul and Bemidji provide forensic analysis in drug chemistry, toxicology, biology, DNA, latent prints, firearms, tool marks, and trace evidence.
- BCA Forensic Science Services is a partner in the National Integrated Ballistics Identification Network (NIBIN). A NIBIN instrument is available in the St. Paul location. This provides a nationwide network for searching cartridge casings from crime scenes and test-fires from suspect guns.
- Crime scene response services are available upon request. Teams are available from the St. Paul and Bemidji locations to service the entire state. Specialized services such as bloodstain pattern analysis and shooting scene reconstruction are also available.

Minnesota Justice Information Services Section

- The Automated Fingerprint Identification System maintains fingerprints of individuals who have been arrested and booked which provides more accurate identification of individuals and access for matching latent prints obtained at crime scenes.
- MNJIS maintains a database for permits to carry firearms which provides the status of an individual's permit to carry request.

Commissioner's Office
445 Minnesota St, Ste 1000
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/201-7160
dps.mn.gov/divisions/co

- The Commissioner's Office can:
 - support communities at their community events.
 - assist those at risk of violence by highlighting employment opportunities at DPS.
 - assist individuals who wish to obtain a driver's license
 - provide leadership staff who possess skills in cultural competencies involving Somali youth and Native Americans to assist local communities with building relationships.

Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS)
445 Minnesota St, Ste 195
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/297-3298
dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs

- DVS is routinely looking to fill entry-level staff positions, and can partner with local communities to provide employment opportunities.
- DVS can deploy a team to assist community members in obtaining a driver's license or for DVS employment purposes.

Emergency Communication Networks (ECN)

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 1725
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-7547
dps.mn.gov/divisions/ecn

- ECN seeks options to enhance communication options by implementing new technology options, such as text-to-911. Individuals who are deaf/blind, hard of hearing or who feel like placing a voice call will jeopardize their safety, such as in a domestic violence situation, can now text to 911. ECN can help educate communities about the benefits of this service.
- ECN can provide education and outreach to local communities regarding appropriate 911 usage and its importance toward accessing public safety resources (law enforcement, fire, medical services).

Fiscal and Administrative Services

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 125
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-8100 option 1
mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/

- DPS Fiscal Services can provide information for vendors to work with the Minnesota Department of Administration's Office of State Procurement divisions for information, assistance and training workshops on becoming a state vendor or for more information on the State Equity Procurement programs. This information can assist small businesses and entrepreneurs with information on becoming vendors for the State of Minnesota.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 223
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-7400
dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem

- HSEM can provide training in threat assessment and how to deal with threats, including school building security and training for school resource officers through their School Safety Center.
- HSEM participates in paid high school internships and mentoring programs and unpaid internships for currently enrolled college students.
- WebEOC, a web-enabled crisis information system, can provide emergency messages to the 87 county emergency managers.
- Recertification Center, hotline room, or the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) could be utilized, if needed.

Human Resources (HR)

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 135
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-7370
dps.mn.gov/divisions/hr

- HR has a list of internship opportunities available (located on their website) within DPS and state agencies including Star of the North, Urban Scholar Right Track/Step-up and Minnesota Pathways which are available to local communities.

Internal Affairs

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 530
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-7136
dps.mn.gov/divisions/ia

- Internal Affairs manages the DPS Complaint and Commendation line - dps.ia@state.mn.us in which local communities can access DPS resources.

Office of Communications

**445 Minnesota St, Ste 100
St. Paul, MN 55101**
651/201-7575
dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc

- Communications can assist communities in their media relations strategy, strategic approach, creating news release or other content, provide video assistance, or amplify current community content.

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
445 Minnesota St, Ste 2300
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/201-7300
dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp

- OJP funds community crime prevention and youth intervention programs throughout the state. Funding includes both state and federal funds. The Crime Victim Services unit awards grants to provide direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence and child abuse. Most tribal reservations also receive funding for services.
- The Crime Victim Reparations Program provides financial assistance to victims of crime and covers such eligible expenses as funeral costs, lost wages, medical bill and mental health counseling. Reparations staff include individuals who are bi-lingual in Somali and Spanish.
- Brochures are available on the OJP website on topics such as *Crime Victim Rights, Coping with Victimization, Restitution, Juvenile Court Process, Victim Impact Statements, Tips on Testifying, Post-Conviction Issues, Tips on Testifying, Sexual Assault Victims: Your Rights and Resources*, and *After a Homicide* to provide communities with information regarding OJP resources.
- OJP website lists funded services throughout the state that may be helpful to survivors.
- OJP staff can provide referrals to appropriate resources and assist individuals with crime victim rights.

Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
445 Minnesota St, Ste 1620
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/201-7065
dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots

- OTS can provide local communities with DDACTS (Data Driven Approach to Crime and Safety). DDACTS focuses on high-crime areas that are also known to be high-crash areas. OTS has federal funds available to local communities who may wish to implement DDACTS.
- OTS can provide local communities with the POLD (Place of Last Drink) program which identifies where over service is taking place and provides communities with information to take enforcement action should they choose to do so.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) / Office of Pipeline Safety
445 Minnesota St, Ste 145
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/201-7200
dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm

- The SFM can provide firefighting mentoring opportunities to local communities.

State Patrol (MSP)
445 Minnesota St, Ste 130
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/201-7100
dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp

- MSP has a Flight Section that can provide aviation resources for pursuits and search/rescue missions for local communities.
- MSP has a trained explosives sniffing K9 that could aid agency investigations.
- Troopers provide traffic safety presentations at high schools or other groups.
- MSP offers internship programs.
- MSP can provide local communities with additional traffic enforcement (depending on resources available).

Department of Corrections
1450 Energy Park Dr, Ste 200
St Paul, MN 55108
651/361-7200
mn.gov/doc

- Law enforcement agencies can use the experience of correctional agents for things such as in crisis intervention training and the Office of Special Investigation Unit can assist law enforcement in tracking gang violence trends.

Department of Employment and Economic Development
332 Minnesota St #E200
St. Paul, MN 55101
651/259-7114
mn.gov/deed

Programs for At-Risk Youth: <http://mn.gov/deed/youth> Learn about programs available for at-risk youth, including contact information for programs like:

- **Minnesota Youth Program:** The program serves low-income and at-risk youth ages 14 to 24 who lack academic and "applied skills" considered critical for current and future workplace needs.
- **Youthbuild Program:** The Youthbuild program provides specialized training for youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are at risk of not completing or have not completed their high school education.
- **WIOA Young Adult Program:** The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides out-of-school youth between the ages of 16 and 24 and in-school youth between the ages of 14 and 21 with year-round employment and training services.

Adult Career Pathways Programs: mn.gov/deed/programs-services/adult-career-pathways Adult employment and training grants provide adults who traditionally face multiple barriers to employment, and who are in need of enhanced educational and supportive services, to be successful in securing long-term family sustaining wages.

Apprenticeship Minnesota: apprenticeshipmn.com/apprentice.html A list of opportunities and information about apprenticeship opportunities. Program is run by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Bonding Program: mn.gov/deed/bonding Sometimes employers are reluctant to hire workers they view as risky. Those workers tend to present some current or past concern that gives an employer cause to question their credibility or honesty. Fidelity Bonding offers some assurance to employers who would like to take the risk out of hiring. It is no-cost employee insurance that protects employers against employee theft of money or property.

Dislocated Worker Program: mn.gov/deed/dw If a worker has been laid off (or notified that a layoff is coming) through no fault of their own, we offer services at no cost that focus on preparing you to find a suitable new job.