



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING

Topic: Victim Support Services
Tabor Services – Philadelphia, PA
August 30, 2018

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:10 a.m. Panel One:

- Chantay Love
Program Director, Every Murder Is Real
- Melany Nelson
Executive Director, Northwest Victim Services
- Dr. Kevin London
Director of Behavioral Health, Greater Philadelphia Health Action
- Mike Lee
Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

11:10 a.m. Panel Two:

- Tinesha Banks,
President and CEO, Tabor Services
- Victoria Greene
Founder/Executive Director, Every Murder Is Real
- Kimberly Tameria
Parent/Advocate
- George Timbers
Care Manager, Greater Philadelphia Health Action

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks



EMIR Healing Center

Healing the Community, One Family at a Time

WHO WE ARE:

Every Murder Is Real (“EMIR”) Healing Center is a community based comprehensive organization servicing victims impacted by homicides operating in the Philadelphia area. The City of Philadelphia and the nation as a whole, struggle with the fall-out that homicide crime victimization causes. Victims impacted by homicide includes the immediate and extended family, friends, witnesses and the community where the victim lived, are frequently faced with financial and psychological loss and an increase in health issues. Soon after a homicide, the family is numb and traumatized. Very often they believe they have been judged by the community and neglected by the judicial system that focuses the trial on the events of the accused. They feel alone and many times do not know who to turn to for support.

Ms. Victoria Greene worked in the Philadelphia prison system as a drug and alcohol counselor and social worker for 25 years. It was a cruel irony that she could not save her only son Emir from the violence that plagues the streets of Philadelphia. After witnessing families losing their loved ones to murder on a weekly basis, she founded the agency Every Murder Is Real (EMIR) Healing Center. EMIR was created to be a support for families affected by homicides or violent crimes. EMIR is located in the City of Philadelphia serving all residents in the Philadelphia County as well as other Pennsylvania counties when referred to EMIR.

The City of Philadelphia has an array of challenges including economic instability, poverty, drugs and crime. According to the 2010 Census, there are 590,071 households and 1,560,297 people residing in Philadelphia. 44.1% are African Americans; remaining 58.9% are White and Hispanics, 25.3% are under the age of 18 years old, 14.1% are 65 years or older. 22.9% of the population and 18.4% of families were below the poverty line.

In 2017, there were 317 homicide victims in Philadelphia. The vast majority of which were African American men under the age of 30.

EMIR places a priority on and specifically addresses the social psychological and financial issues faced by families impacted by homicide. EMIR focuses to treat the trauma and promote holistic healing for the families affected by homicides.

In 2012 EMIR became a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funded agency. EMIR was selected as the first community based homicide center/agency for Philadelphia County since the existence of VOCA funded agencies. This grant allows EMIR to continue the work to help advocate for victims to compensate their losses be it funeral, wages, and/or child support. Families meet with EMIR team member who completes an intake to determine the services needed for the family. EMIR has been awarded a competitive VOCA grant to help families to heal through wellness activities such as music and art therapy, yoga, and other wellness activities.

Victoria Greene
CEO and Founder

Chantay Love, MHSA
Program Director

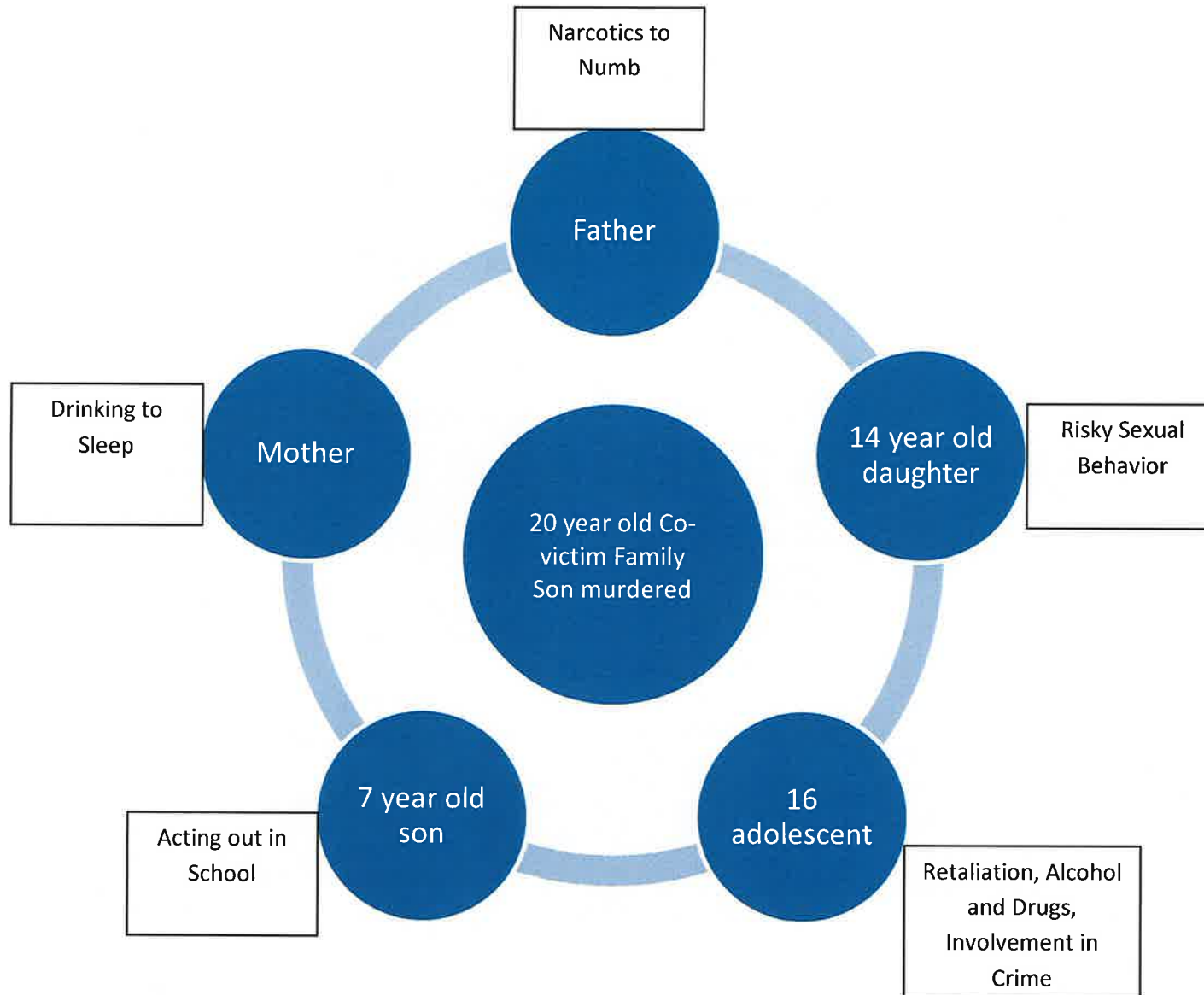
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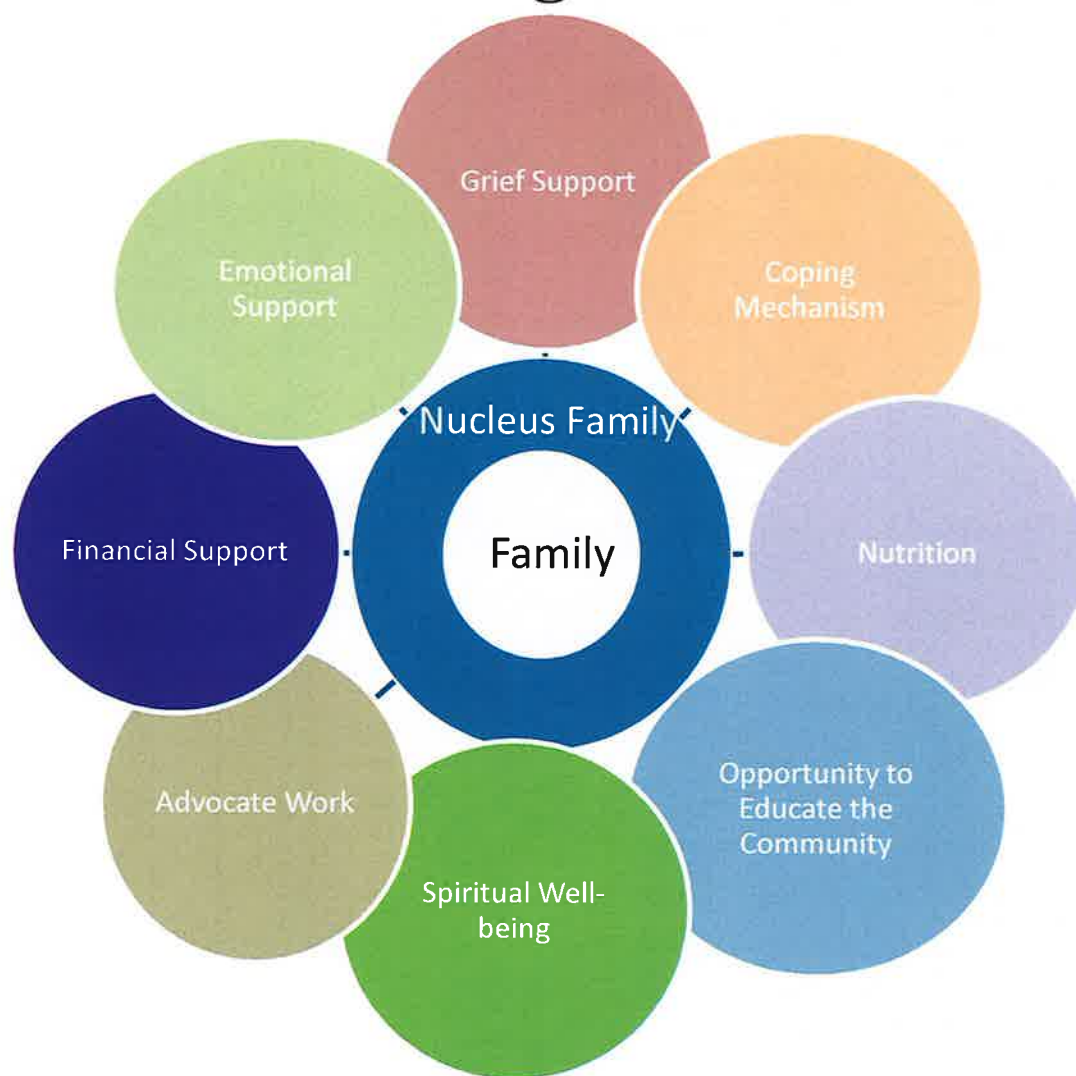
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EMIR Healing Center
(Every Murder is Real)
is a nonprofit organization
that services and supports
family members and friends
who have been affected
by homicide.

No Trauma Treatment



EMIR Healing Center's Dimensions of Wellness



Grief Support-Counseling for both adults and children.

Coping Mechanism-Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well being.

Nutrition-Nutritional counseling to help recognize the need for healthy foods, sleep and physical activity.

Opportunity to Educate the Community- Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills.

Spiritual Well-being- Expanding our sense of purpose and meaning in life.

Advocate Work- Helping families navigate systems as they readjust life.

Financial Support-Satisfaction with current and future financial situations.

Emotional Support-Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships.

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We Need You

Make a difference in the lives of those in need. People who have lost a loved one due to a homicide are often engulfed by feelings of guilt, shame, isolation, and anguish. Lend a helping hand, so the healing can begin.

We would like to recruit and train anyone interested and willing to be committed in our continuing efforts, to help educate and support families and friends who have lost loved ones to homicide.



For more info please visit EMIRphilly.org, email us at info@EMIRphilly.org, or call 215.848.4068.

Why EMIR



Healing through tragedy. EMIR was created through the love and loss of Emir, a good son, protective brother, and loving uncle.

Our loss and journey through healing is the foundation of the concrete, practical, and compassionate support that the EMIR Healing Center offers.

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Support *Understanding* *Love* *Healing* *Comfort*

About EMIR

EMIR Healing Center (Every Murder is Real) is a nonprofit community based agency that advocates, educates and supports individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by homicide and violent crimes.

Survivors of a violent death have to contend with a totally different set of circumstances than someone who has experienced a "natural" death.

EMIR is here to guide survivors through the many feelings they will experience and the legal ramifications that are inevitable.

EMIR offers concrete, practical, and compassionate steps towards healing.



*Healing the Community,
One Family at a Time*

Who We Are

The staff at EMIR has a deep commitment to those who have been affected by homicide and violence. They understand the importance of healing families and community members that have experienced trauma.

The support that they extend is invaluable; from emotional and educational support to preparing meals for our support groups. The work that EMIR does is lifesaving.

EMIR believes in a holistic approach to healing and the development of communities. EMIR builds on the natural strength of the family to rebuild a new normal.



What We Do

EMIR provides many services including:

- Family & Friends Support Services
- In-court Support & Advocacy
- Grief Support Groups – concrete, practical and compassionate steps towards the healing process
- Assistance with Victim's Compensation forms
- Education & Navigation through the Criminal Justice System.
- Nutrition counseling and support, to combat negative dietary habits from trauma. Emergency food when applicable

TESTIMONY OF MELANY P. NELSON
Executive Director, Northwest Victim Services

Before

State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald

&

State Representative Stephen Kinsey

“Services for Victims & Witnesses of Crime”

Good morning, State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald and State Representative Stephen Kinsey, and members of the committee. My name is Melany Nelson, and I am the Executive Director for Northwest Victim Services. I, thank you for holding this hearing to bring awareness to the FREE services available to Victims and Witnesses of crime and how we can explore new ways to assist them.

Northwest Victim Services is the first community victim-based agency created and dedicated to serving victims of crime in the City of Philadelphia. We provide FREE services to all victims of crime who reside in the Northwest Section of Philadelphia or if their victimization took place in Northwest Philadelphia. We assist victims with filing claims through the Victim Compensation Assistance Program in Harrisburg. The victimization can result in funeral expenses, lost wages, unpaid medical bills, stolen cash, mileage, child care expenses, court accompaniment (if the offender has been apprehended), crime scene clean-up, and relocation.

Relocation for many of the victims we service is a major problem. 9 times out of 10 the offender is no stranger to the victim. If the victim must testify they are entering a new level of fear! If a claim is filed for relocation through the victim's compensation Program a victim will be reimbursed \$1,000.00 if the claim is approved. Who do you know that can move anywhere for \$1,000.00? What if the victim owns their home – what will a \$1,000.00 do for them? All too often we hear of victims being threatened and sometimes offered a bribe not to testify. Those victims NEED to be removed from their homes and placed in a safe environment.

Northwest Victim Services receives Federal funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) which is reimbursable (we must spend the money to get the money), and we receive a small grant from the DA's Office. It would be most hopeful if Elected Officials could provide assistance with Relocations for Victims and Witnesses of Crime.

I would like to leave you with a story that will hopefully inspire you to assist small non-profits such a Northwest Victim Services with funding.

On September 26, 2017, 16-year-old Jai Custus was outside playing when a shootout occurred, and he got caught in the crossfire along with his cousin. Jai was shot in the back and killed. Mom & Grandmom reached out to Northwest Victim Services for assistance and we assisted the family with funeral expenses, counseling, lost wages and we are attempting to assist mom with relocation. Jai was killed on the block he lived, and his mother sees the shooters daily. Neither of the shooters were apprehended because no one is willing to speak with the police. Mom hates leaving her home in fear of seeing the shooters which makes her sick to her stomach. Mom has lost her will and desire to live but she is hanging on by a thread for the only son she has left. My goal is to continue to seek more funding for victims who need to be relocated.

Thank You

NORTHWEST VICTIM SERVICES (NVS)



VICTIM NO MORE

**NVS
ANNUAL REPORT
2017/2018**

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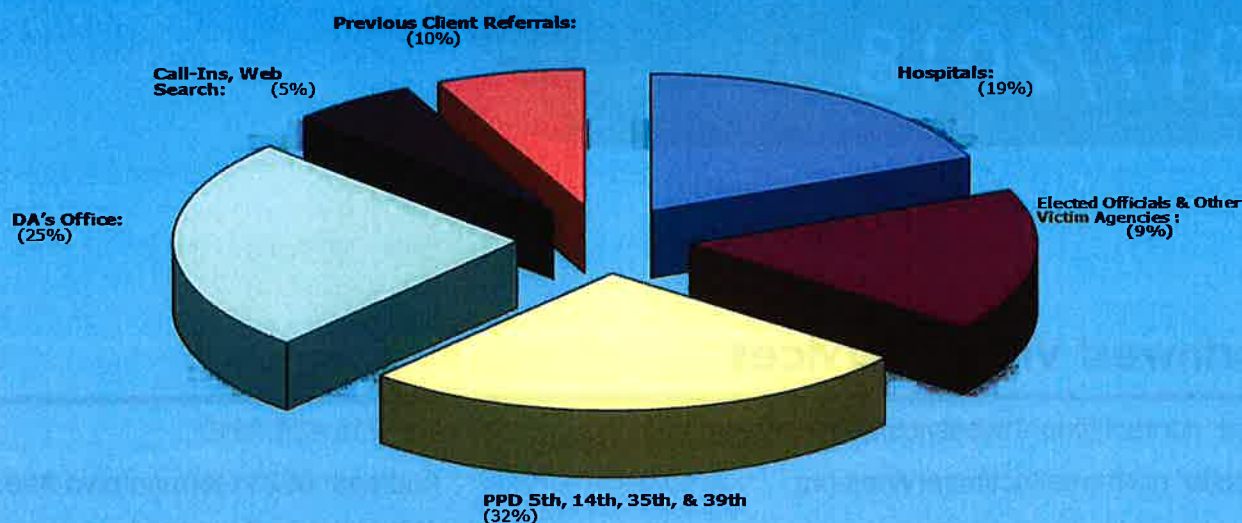
AGENCY BACKGROUND: NORTHWEST VICTIM SERVICES (NVS) WAS INCORPORATED IN DECEMBER OF 1985 AS A PROGRAM OF NORTHWEST INTERFAITH MOVEMENT AND BECAME A TOTALLY INDEPENDENT AGENCY ON JULY 1, 1986. NVS WAS THE FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED VICTIM SERVICE AGENCY IN PHILADELPHIA TO SERVE CRIME VICTIMS IN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA. NORTHWEST VICTIM SERVICES IS A NON-PROFIT AGENCY THAT PROVIDES FREE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME WITHIN THE 5TH, 14TH, 35TH, & 39TH POLICE DISTRICTS.

Six programs were modeled after NVS in other areas of the city. NVS plays an active role in the Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy (PCVA), The Network of Neighbors, Keystone Crisis Intervention Team (KCIT), Tabor Community Advisory Board, the Philadelphia Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, the Child Homicide Review Team, & the Philadelphia Restorative Justice Coalition.

In addition to working closely with local and city-wide community groups and agencies, NVS has also served as a resource to the District Attorney's Office, Probation & Parole, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Philadelphia School District.

Program Description – Services to Victims of Crime:

Northwest Victim Services is committed to providing the best advocacy to all victims of crime within the Northwest Section of Philadelphia. Referrals come from a variety of sources including the Philadelphia Police Department, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Hospitals (Temple & Einstein), Elected Officials & Other Community Based Agencies. Also, referrals from clients previously served, as well as Call-Ins & individuals who search us by the web. The programs caseload involves all crimes, such as aggravated assault, domestic violence, sexual assault, & homicides.



VICTIM NO MORE

MISSION

To provide prompt, effective and holistic services to all victims of crime in Northwest Philadelphia while increasing prevention strategies to elevate community safety.

VISION

To permanently alter the way, we treat victims of crime in Northwest Philadelphia.

MESSAGE TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

The Staff at Northwest Victim Services has made a conscious decision to dedicate their lives to serving victims of crime. It is truly an honor to serve Victims of Crime within the Northwest Section of Philadelphia. The NVS Staff understands it takes trust, understanding, empathy, and compassion to be able to provide services in a unique way to all victims & witnesses we come in contact with. The 2017/2018 Fiscal year for Northwest Victim Services was successful by way of serving a great deal of victims & witnesses of crime, raising awareness of our free services, hosting Domestic Violence workshops, and forming important collaborations to reach underserved victims of crime.

As I look back over the last fiscal year and the achievements we have made, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments. Since our relocation to our new office in 2015 we have become more visible in the community thus enabling us to assist more victims of crime. The NVS Board has increased in size, this increase enhanced and complimented the skills of the current Board Members.

The Northwest Victim Services Family welcomes the opportunity to get more engaged with the community to work together to promote safety. Please join our social media sites, look out for our upcoming newsletters, make a donation during the 2018/2019 fiscal year or, volunteer at one of our community events.

"My Goal is to serve as many victims of crime as I can during my life time." Melany P. Nelson, Executive Director

NVS Staff

Melany P. Nelson, Executive Director
 La'Wanda Hawkins, Administrative Assistant
 Mildred Yarde, Courtroom Advocate
 Alfreda Strand, Victim Advocate
 Kwaminah Greer, Victim Advocate
 Gwendolyn Phillips, Licensed Social Worker

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2017/2018 STATISCAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 5th, 14th, 35th, & 39th Police Districts Reported 3069 Crimes that took place in the Northwest Section of Philadelphia during January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

NVS provided services to 1,313 (42.8%) of those victims & witnesses traumatized by violence during that same period.

Court Accompaniment from July 1, 2017 to June 13, 2018: 1,113

Victim Compensation Claims filed from July 1, 2017 to June 22, 2018: 92

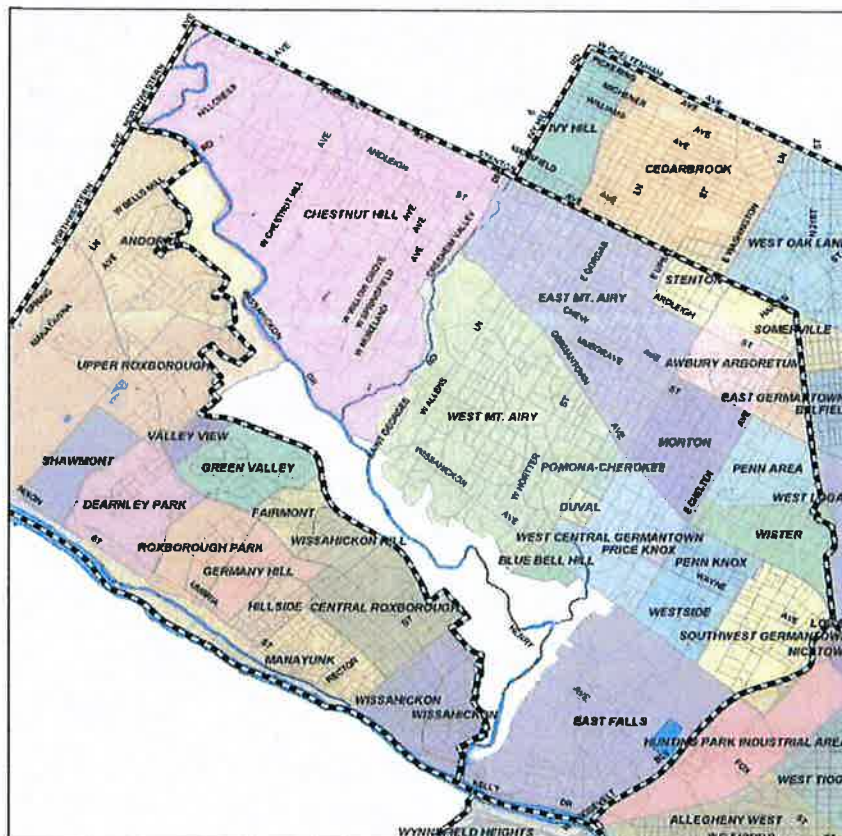
Funds Recovered for Victims of Crime from July 1, 2017 to June 13, 2018

- Emergency Claim Count & Amount Paid - 4 Claims Paid / \$4,121.68 Recovered
- Original Claim count & Amount Paid: 70 Claims Paid / \$51,414.65 Recovered
- Supplemental Claim count: 15 Claims Paid / \$18,245.97 Recovered

Claims Paid by Expenses Type from 7/1/2016 to 6/13/2018:

Type of Benefit	Amount Released
Ambulance	\$4227.18
Counseling-Adult Victim	\$1553.01
D-LOE-Cimt-Trauma	\$6917.12
Dental	\$4740.05
Doctor	\$16780.16
Funeral Flowers	\$735.00
Funeral Home/Cemetery	\$55943.00
Hospital	\$75929.48
LOE-HC-Care for Victim	\$5015.11
LOE-Vctm-Court Proceedings	\$117.20
LOE-Vctm-Physical Disability	\$79961.35
Medical Equipment & Supplies	\$518.92
Medications	\$82.74
Memorial Meal	\$2192.04
Memorial Monument	\$1198.00
Relocation-Common Carrier Fare	\$800.00
Relocation-Rental Housing	\$7957.27
Relocation-Storage	\$242.73
Replace Glasses Frames	\$429.95
Replace Glasses Lenses	\$223.50
Reports Purchase - police, notary, MR, etc.	\$39.10
Stolen Benefit Cash	\$12089.47
Transportation/Meals	\$135.63

Map of Northwest Philadelphia



Free Services Provided by NVS

Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP)

Court Accompaniment

Crisis Counseling & Therapy (LSW)

Individual Advocacy (Hospital & Home Visits)

Public Presentations

Domestic Violence Support Groups/Workshops

DA - Assisting Victims at Preliminary Hearings

Community Programs: Seniors 4 Safety & Stand for Something (Youth Program)

Strategic Highlights:

- Protect victims by providing care and treatment.
- Served as liaison between the victim/witnesses and the District Attorney's Office
- Treated all victims with dignity and respect.
- Provided round-the-clock support.
- Provide confidential services to all victims.
- Collaboration with other agencies throughout the Commonwealth.
- Provide services immediately after initial contact.
- Provided guidance and information to victims and witnesses of crime.

Financial Highlights: *Northwest Victim Services is financially supported by PCCD, the DA's Office, private grants, and individual donations.* Two charity events were organized to raise funds for victims of crimes. Over \$21,000.00 was raised. **Thank you to ALL Sponsors, Donors & Grantors for 2017/2018:**

The list below reflects Sponsors, Donors, & Grantors who contributed \$500.00 & Above for 2017/2018:

Philadelphia Phillies \$10,000.00 (Grant)

PWPvideo \$7,000.00 (In-Kind Donation)

Reverend Dr. John L. Payne & Patricia Payne \$2,500 (Sponsors)

Henrietta Tower Wurts Memorial \$2,000.00 (Grant)

Einstein \$1,000.00 (Sponsor)

PECO/Exelon Corporation \$1,000.00 (Sponsor)

Wawa \$1,000.00 (Sponsor)

Dr. Joann Cozza \$900.00 (Donation)

KLM Hiscoxpro Insurance \$636.00 (Sponsor)

Kara Tennis \$500.00 (Donation)

Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated \$500.00 (Grant)

Kevin & Amy Raphael \$500.00 (Donation)

Attic Brewery (In-Kind Donation)

Treasures (In-Kind Donation)

List incomplete at the time of print.

COLLABORATIONS

Northwest Victim Services collaborates with several community organizations (all not listed) to ensure the success of our agency! We are truly grateful for the working relationship we have with the **Philadelphia Police Department**. 5th Police District, Captain John Moroney, Victim Assistance Officer Tina Staley-Bailey; 14th Police District, Captain John Hearn, Victim Assistance Officer Mecca Washington; 35th Police District, Captain Ernest Ransom, Victim Assistance Officer Linda Hetherington; & 39th Police District, Captain Anthony Ginaldi, Victim Assistance Officer Julianne Bruhns.

The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office: Together we work tirelessly to assist victims and witnesses of crime while they are maneuvering through the Criminal Justice Center. One of our goals is to ensure victims/witnesses feel safe and to answer any questions they may have. **The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD):** Makes it possible for victims to be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses due to their victimization or the victimization of their loved one.

Network of Neighbors - Responding to critical incidents that occur with youth 19 years of age and younger. The Executive Director from Northwest Victim Services responded to **FIVE deployments** during the 2016/2018 fiscal years for the Network of Neighbors.

Snap Shot of youth shooting victims referred by Network of Neighbors

7/11/2017 – 14th Police District / Triple Shooting: one was a 19-year-old female shot in the back.
 7/29/2017 – 39th Police District / 18-year-old male Shot multiple times.
 9/1/2017 – 35th Police District / 19-year-old male – hit & run (homicide).
 9/18/2017 – 39th Police District / 19-year-old male shot multiples times.
 10/18/2017 – 14th Police District Violence at Building 21 (High school in Northwest Philadelphia).
 10/18/2017 – 35th Police District / 17-year-old male shot multiple times.
 10/21/2017 – 14th Police District / 16-year-old male shot in the neck.
 10/21/2017 – 39th Police District / 3-year-old male shot in the head.
 10/23/2017 - 35th Police District / 16-year-old female stabbed multiple times.
 10/29/2017 – 35th Police District / 18-year-old male & 16-year-old female stabbed multiple times.
 11/5/2017 – 39th Police District / Double Shooting: 16-year-old male shot multiple times & 12-year-old male shot once.
 11/9/2017 – 35th Police District / 3-year-old shot in the head (Homicide).
 11/13/2017 – 35th Police District / 16-year-old male shot.
 12/26/2017 – 39th Police District / 18-year-old male shot multiple times (Homicide).
 1/24/2018 – 35th Police District / 19-year-old male shot multiple times (Homicide).
 1/24/2018 – 39th Police District / 18-year-old male shot.
 2/23/2018 – 39th Police District / 16-year-old male shot.
 3/30/2018 – 35th Police District / 16-year-old male shot multiple times.
 4/4/2018 – 14th Police District / 13-year-old female stabbed multiple times.
 4/29/2018 – 39th Police District / 17-year-old male shot.

COLLABORAION CONT.

Keystone Intervention Crisis Team: Supporting Pennsylvania crime victims and their communities in recovery. The Executive Director of Northwest Vitim Service responded to **TWO** deployments from April to May of 2018

Northwest Victim Services works very closely with the other Community Based Victim Agencies: South Philadelphia Victim Services, Northeast Victim Services, Wes-Southwest Victim Services, Center City Victim Services, North Central Victim Services, Congreso, & Concilio.

Temple University Hospital /Trauma U/nit-

Northwest Victim Services, North Central Victim Services, Concilio, and Congreso formed a working relationship with Temple University Hospital to provide services to shooting victims in real time who would not receive our information until returning home from the hospital. **This collaboration began in November of 2017 and Northwest Victim Services was able to assist 19% more shooting victims from the 2017/2018 fiscal year.**

Shootings within Northwest Neighborhoods / Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2017 (Treated at Temple)

Cedarbrook/Stenton: 18	Manayunk: 1
Chestnut Hill: 0	Oak Lane/East Oak Lane: 7
East Falls: 0	Olney: 30
East Germantown: 35	Roxborough: 0
East Mount Airy: 12	Nicetown/Tioga: 37
Germantown: 14	West Mt. Airy: 2
Hunting Park: 29	West Oak Lane: 15
Logan/Ogontz/Fern Rock: 56	

The Number of women shot between January 1, 2018 and April 8, 2018 increased by 150% compared to the same time last year in 2017 - that was treated at Temple Hospital.

Due to these valuable collaborations NVS was able to assist 27% more shooting victims during the 2017/2018 fiscal year!

Victims can enter Many doors to receive services from NVS



Moving Forward For 2018/2019

PERSONS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

- Promote community support
- Expand the visibility of Northwest Victim Services in those sections of Northwest Philadelphia

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Promote self-advocacy among persons with disabilities by providing education on the criminal justice system

ELDERLY PERSONS:

- Increase the community's sensitivity to the prosecutorial problems of elderly persons who are abused by their family members or caretakers upon whom they are dependent.



Please allow us to introduce you to the Northwest Victim Services Court/Community Advocate: Wedney Louissaint. Mildred Yarde retired from Northwest Victim Services after 13 years of commitment to serving others.



SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Northwest Victim Services would like to Thank all the interns and volunteers for 2017/2018. The Executive Director would like to extend a special Thank You to **Isaiah Nelson** who creates all graphic design materials for flyers, fundraisers, Domestic Violence Workshops, Youth Events, and he also provides FREE IT assistance. The Executive Director would also like to extend a special Thank You to **Isolene Nelson** long time courtroom volunteer and **Mia Carter**, who volunteers for community events on behalf of Northwest Victim Services.

We truly appreciate your work and dedication!



If you would like to volunteer, please contact the NVS Office.

Call to Action

Today's *Call to Action* is the commencement of a larger process intended to produce greater collaborations for Northwest Victim Services (NVS) across the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reinforce the journey that began more than 30 years ago. I am extremely pleased with our progress over the past four years since I became the Executive Director of NVS.

Along with the Victim Advocates, and Court Advocate we have touched the lives of many victims by assisting them during a trying time in their life, and many victims have touched our hearts throughout the 2017/2018 fiscal year. We have seen the increase in shooting victims and the increase of women who were shooting victims.

It is imperative that NVS keeps the doors open and continue to be the beacon of light within the Northwest section of Philadelphia. We *NEED* your financial assistance! No donation is too small – every contribution helps.

Please visit the Northwest Victim Services website to make a donation. NVS would like to continue to assist victims such as: 6-year-old Mahaj Brown who was shot 10 times as result of a shoot-out, Tyisha Timmons shot 5 times and killed during a shoot-out between two groups of young men, & Jalil Frazier community hero, shot in the chest while protecting others in a barber shop. Both Jalil & Mahaj's life has forever been changed & the family members of Tyisha will never be the same after their loss!



NVS is counting on your financial **SUPPORT!**

Northwest Victim Services Seven-Year *Data Analysis & Outcomes*

2011 to 2018

Northwest Victim Services (NVS) has been serving Victims of Crime for 35 Years! Each year we look at the services we have to offer Victims of Crime and how we can improve in any areas. The Northwest Victim Services Staff & Board of Directors has always taken pride in making a difference in the lives of Crime Victims. NVS provides FREE services to victims of crime within 5th, 14th, 35th, and 39th Police Districts.

During the beginning of the 2016/2017 fiscal year the NVS staff thought there was a dramatic hike in shootings that were taking place in the Northwest Section of Philadelphia. The suggestion was made by a NVS Board Member to complete a five-year data analysis to see how many victims we serviced each year, did we do something different to reach more victims within the five years, and what can we do differently moving forward to serve additional victims of crime. The five-year data analysis turned into an ongoing data analysis for NVS. Below is a seven year data analysis with explanations of the data.

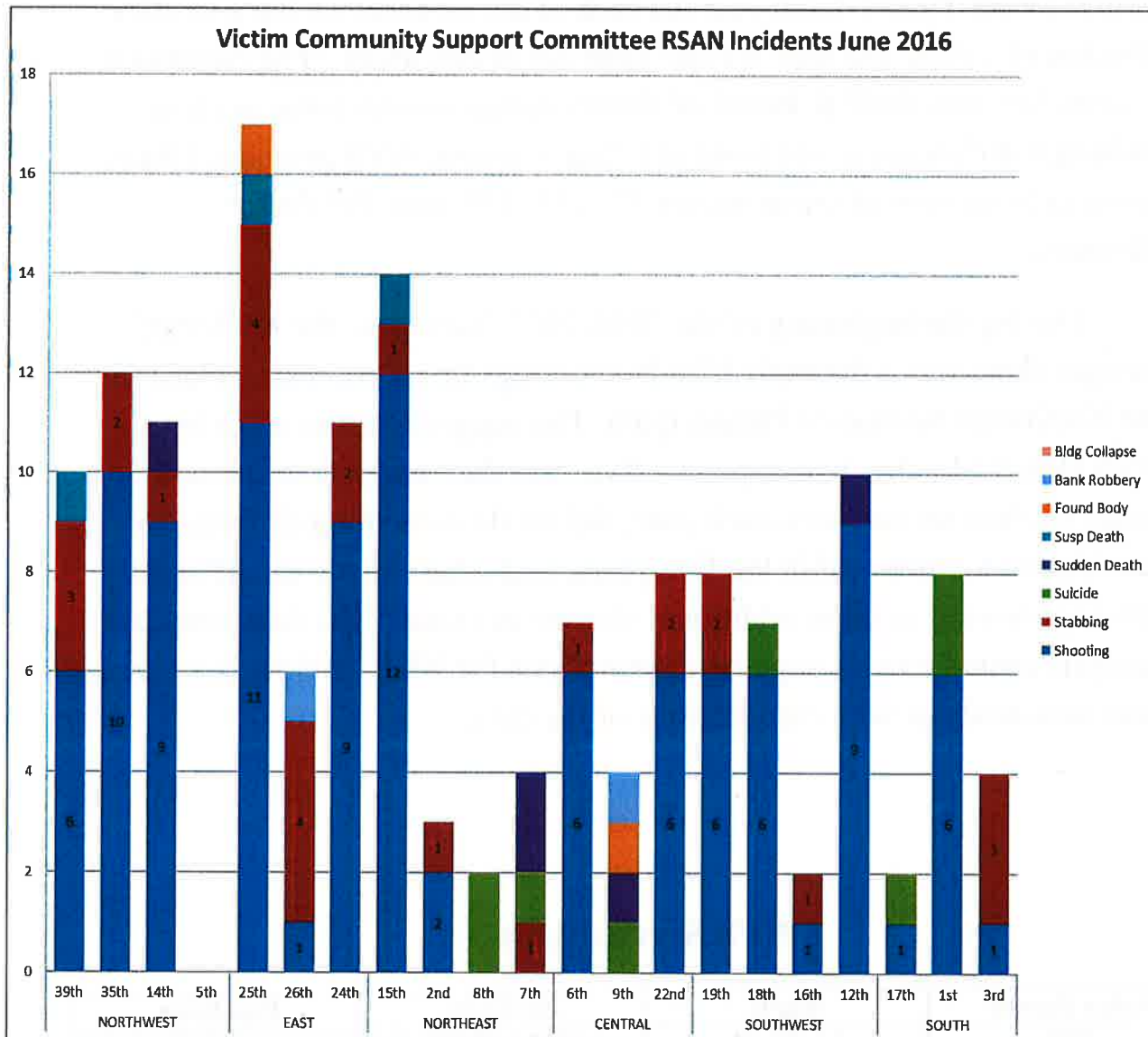
NVS Service Area

Police District	Wards	Zip Codes	Population
39 th	13, 38, 11	19144, 19132, 19129, 19140	144,705
35 th	17, 49, 61, 51, 10, 37, 42	19138, 19126, 19140, 19120, 19141	201,644
14 th	12, 59, 22, 9	19118, 19119, 19144, 19138, 19150	135,823
5 th	21	19128, 19127	41,152

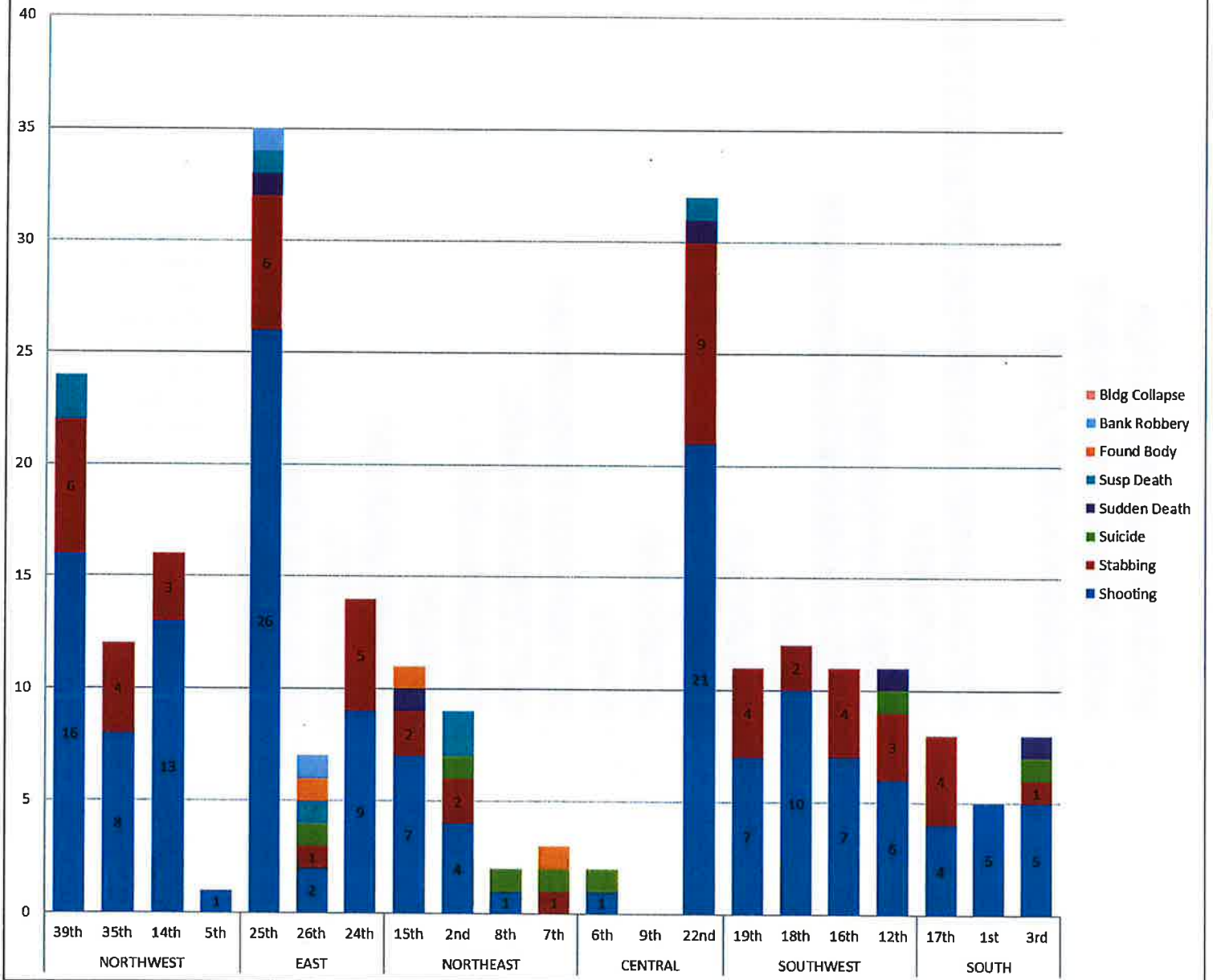
523,324- Total

Summer Statistics for Northwest 2016/2017 Fiscal Year

During the summer months of the 2016/2017 fiscal year, the Northwest Section of Philadelphia was leading all other sections of city in shootings.

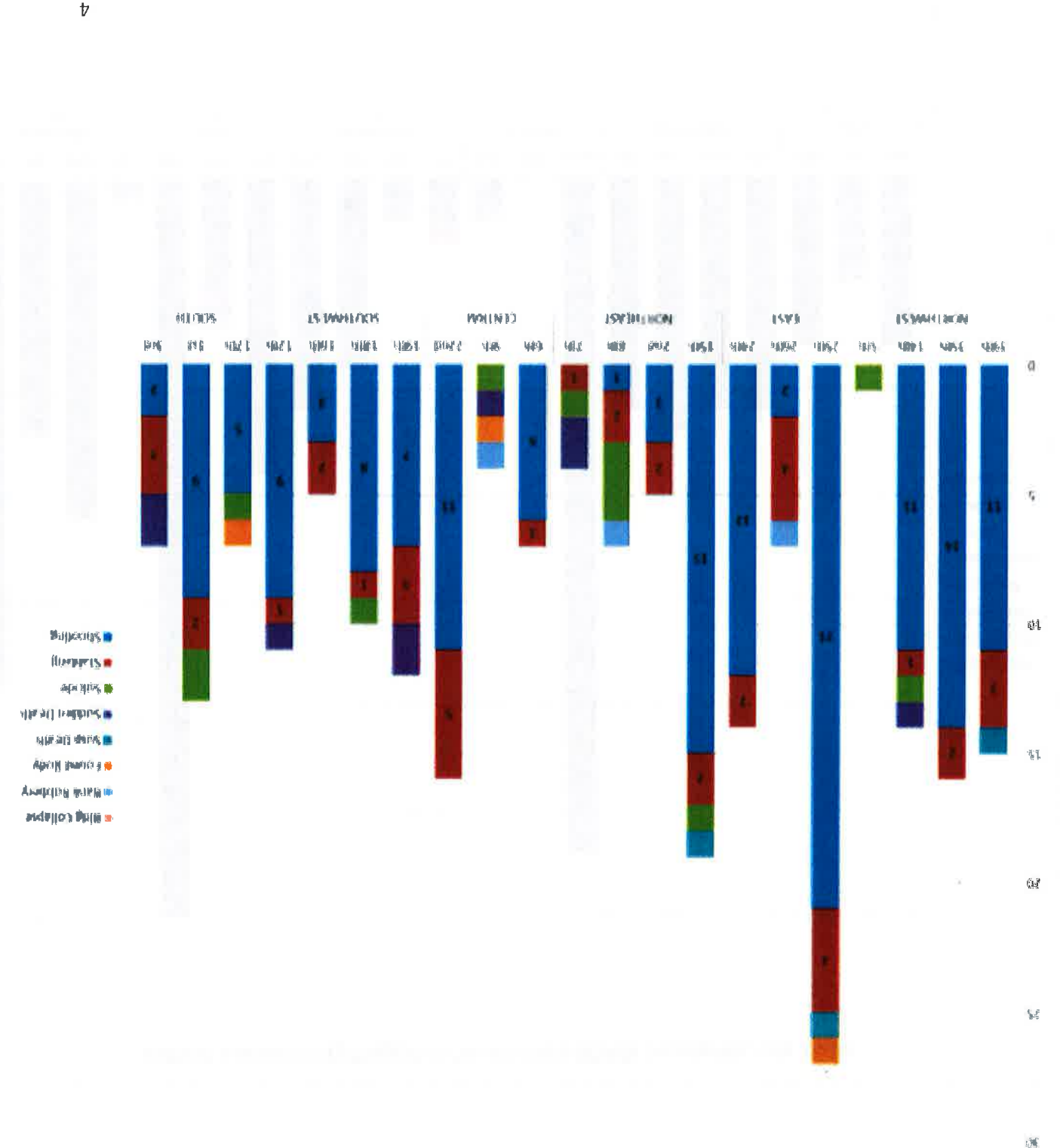


Victim Community Support Committee RSAN Incidents July 2016



Victim Community Support Committee RSAN Incidents August 2016

1. The following table shows the number of incidents reported to the Victim Community Support Committee (VCSC) in August 2016, broken down by location and type of incident.



Seven Year Northwest Victim Services Data Analysis

Claims: There are four Police Districts within the Northwest Section of Philadelphia. Victim Advocate One files claims for the 5th & 39th Police Districts and Victim Advocate Two files claims for the 14th & 35th Police Districts.

2011-2012

Victim Advocate 1 – **33** claims filed

Victim Advocate 2 – **47** claims filed

Unassigned Claims – 1 claim filed

Total 81

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$35,345.16

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$71,780.60

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2011-2012= \$107,125.76

Preliminary Hearings were held at the 35th Police District and the Executive Director created three community programs to help identify Victims of Crime.

Stand for Something Youth Program for Youth – Victimization and Bullying

Seniors 4 Safety – Educational workshop for Seniors regarding crime

Coffee Klatch – Support Group for Victims of Crime

2012-2013

Victim Advocate 1 – **64** claims filed

Victim Advocate 2 – **62** claims filed

Executive Director – **2** claims filed

Unassigned Claims – 3 claims filed

Total **131**

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$28,595.86

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$35,006.64

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2012-2013= \$63,602.50

Preliminary Hearings were held at the Criminal Justice Center – Downtown Philadelphia, Court room 803. New Executive Director was hired after the previous Executive Director retired after being a part of NVS for 16 years.

2013-2014

Victim Advocate 1 – **76** claims filed

Victim Advocate 2 – **50** claims filed

Executive Director – 1 claim filed

Total **127**

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$14,527.67

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$87,802.08

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2013-2014= \$102,329.75

Preliminary Hearings were held at the Criminal Justice Center – Downtown Philadelphia. New Executive Director hired, Previous Executive Director resigned.

2014-2015

Victim Advocates 1- **51**claims filed

Victim Advocates 2 -**30** claims filed

Unassigned Claim – 1 claim filed

Total 82

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$11,068.83

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$69,368.94

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2014-2015= \$80,437.77

Preliminary Hearings were held at the Criminal Justice Center – Downtown Philadelphia.

2015-2016

Victim Advocate 1 – **37** claims filed

Victim Advocate 2 – **5** claims filed

New Victim Advocate filing claims for District 5th and 39th – **20** claims filed (Now Victim Advocate 2)

New Executive Director – **48** claims filed for the 14th and 35th Police Districts. Executive Director began filing claims for all districts when attending court and when public presentations were completed.

Unassigned Claim – 1 claim filed

Total 111

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$ 5,206.76

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$62,580.49

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2015-2016 =\$67,787.25

Preliminary Hearings were held at the Criminal Justice Center – Downtown Philadelphia. Executive Director began filing claims while in court.

2016/2017

Victim Advocate 1 – Filing claims for the 14th & 35th Police District / **35** claims filed.

- There was a decline in filing claims for the months of January, February, May, & June. The Victim Advocate indicated there was a lot of reports for Auto crimes in May & June which does not qualify for VCAP. For January & February the Victim Advocate indicated she received a great deal of return letters (victim's addresses were incorrect).

Victim Advocate 2 – Filing claims for the 5th & 39th Police District / **39** claims filed.

- There was a decline in filing claims for the months of September, January, February, March, & May. The Victim Advocate indicated the victims that did respond were not eligible to file a claim because they either had medical insurance or were uncooperative. The Victim Advocate also indicated she received a lot of return letters.

Executive Director – Filed **70** claims for the 5th, 14th, 35th, & 39th Police Districts. The Executive Director received referrals from the Crisis Response Team for the City of Philadelphia “Network of Neighbors”, filed claims when attending court, and from identifying victims when public presentations were completed.

Total Claims filed 144

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$15,929.67

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$ 96,409.54

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2016-2017= \$112,339.21

2017/2018

Victim Advocate 1 Filing claims for part of the 35th & the 39th Police District / **25** claims filed.

- There was a decline in filing claims for September, October of 2017. January, February, & March of 2018.

Victim Advocate 2 Filing claims for the 5th, part of the 35th police District and the 39th Police District / **15** claims filed.

- There was a decline in filing claims for July, August, September, & December of 2017. February, March, and May of 2018.

The 35th Police District was broken up among the two Victim Advocates to balance the work load because the 5th Police Districts does not yield many crimes where victims/witnesses can file for Victim Compensation.

Both Victim Advocates indicated the decline in claims was a result of increased auto break-ins or auto related crimes.

The Executive Director filed **52** claims for 5th, 14th, 35th, & 39th Police Districts. The Executive Director received referrals from the Crisis Response Team for the City of Philadelphia “Network of Neighbors”, filed claims when attending court, assisting victims at Temple University Hospital (Trauma Unit) and from identifying victims when public presentations were completed. The Executive Director began providing the Victim Advocates with Victim/Witness referrals. The Executive Director began shifting her direct services responsibilities.

Total Claims Filed 92

Emergency Award Funds Provided to Victims \$4,121.68

Supplemental Funds Provided to Victims \$18,633.16

Total Amount Awarded to Victims for 2017-2018= \$22,754.84

Seven-year total for Claim Assistance:

Total Financial assistance provided to Victims of Crime for the past Seven years: \$556,377.08.

Direct Services to Victims of Crime within Northwest Philadelphia:

Northwest Victim Services (NVS) provides supportive services to crime victims. Supportive services provided include but are not limited to hotline support, court accompaniment to preliminary hearings and misdemeanor trials, supportive counseling, public presentations, victim's compensation assistance, and information/ referral. On the Empowerment and Satisfaction Questionnaires (ESQ) returned to NVS, clients indicate that they strongly agree that NVS supported them in every area of service provided. NVS clients rarely report that NVS staff did not support them with or helped them to understand the legal process during their preliminary hearings. NVS provides accompaniment to all preliminary hearings and misdemeanor trials held for Northwest Philadelphia except those involving sexual assault, domestic violence, homicide, or children unless requested by the victim. While NVS advertises that NVS advocates will provide accompaniment to felony trials upon request, crime victims rarely request this service, which results in victims not feeling supported through the legal process.

2011 to 2012 – 2,962 Victims of Crime were serviced

2012 to 2013 – 3,368 Victims of Crime were serviced

2013 to 2014 - 3,700 Victims of Crime were serviced

2014 to 2015 – 1,891 Victims of Crime were serviced / The decrease in victims served was due to staffing issues.

2015 to 2016 – 2,880 Victims of Crime were serviced / NVS Agency was back on track. The tracking system NVS uses Efforts to Outcome (ETO) underwent changes and the agency numbers were not 100% accurate.

2016 to 2017 – 1,168 Victims of Crime were serviced in the court room and victims who filed claims with assistance from the NVS Victim Advocates and Executive Director. This number does not include all Direct services provided such as: assisting victims of crime with resources.

During the 2016-2017 Northwest Victim Services began offering Counseling Sessions with our Licensed Social Worker (LSW). The LSW provided services to **59** Victims of Crime.

2017 to 2018 – 1,205 Victims of Crime were serviced in the court room and victims who filed claims with assistance from the NVS Victim Advocates and Executive Director. This number does not include all Direct services provided such as: assisting victims of crime with resources.

During the 2017-2018 Northwest Victim Services provided Therapy services to **109** Victims and Witnesses of Crime and **157** from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018

**Court Accompaniment (District Attorney Services) provided to
Victim of Crime within Northwest Philadelphia – One Court Room
Advocate with Volunteers & Interns staffing Courtroom 803 at the
Criminal Justice Center.**

2011-2012: 1,673

Ages:	Results:	Race:	Results:	Gender:	Results:
00-18	23	African American	944	Male	961
19-30	575	White	536	Female	557
31-60	916	Asian	38	Total	1,673
Over 60	159	Latino/Hispanic	82		
Total	1,673	Other:	73		
		Total	1,673		

2012-2013: 1,518

Ages:	Results:	Race:	Results:	Gender:	Results:
00-18	24	African American	944	Male	961
19-30	493	White	381	Female	557
31-60	859	Asian	38	Total	1,518
Over 60	142	Latino/Hispanic	82		
Total	1,518	Other:	73		
		Total	1,518		

2013-2014: 1,356

Ages:	Results	Race	Results	Gender	Results
00-18	17	African American	744	Males	873
19-30	434	White	403	Females	483
31-60	772	Asian	52	Total	1,356
61-+	133	Hispanic	105		
Total	1,356	Other	52		
		Total	1,356		

2014-2015: 1,054

Ages:	Results	Race	Results	Gender	Results
00-18	09	African American	666	Males	647
19-30	334	White	236	Females	407
31-60	605	Asian	38	Total	1,054
61-+	106	Hispanic	77		
Total	1,054	Other	37		
		Total	1,054		

2015-2016: 1,256

Ages:	Results	Race	Results	Gender	Results
00-18	21	African American	766	Males	724
19-30	390	White	350	Females	532
31-60	740	Asian	36	Total	1,256
61-+	105	Hispanic	78		
Total	1,256	Other	26		
		Total	1,256		

2016-2017: 1,024

Ages:	Results	Race	Results	Gender	Results
00-18	18	African American	601	Males	589
19-30	289	White	272	Females	435
31-60	619	Asian	41	Total	<u>1,024</u>
60 +	98	Hispanic	78		
Total	<u>1,024</u>	Other	32		
		Total	<u>1,024</u>		

2017 – 2018: 1,113

<u>Age</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Results</u>
00-18	24	African American	632	Male	634
19-30	298	White	313	Female	479
31-60	632	Asian	43	Total	<u>1,113</u>
Over 60	159	Hispanic	88		
Total	<u>1,113</u>	Other	37		
		Total	<u>1,113</u>		

The Northwest Victim Court Advocate noticed a decline in the number of victims/witnesses needed to testify during the preliminary hearings. The Court Advocate of 13 years resigned on June 21, 2018 and a New Court Advocate began on June 22, 2018 as the Court & Community Advocate.

Northwest rise on teen shootings during the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year

39th Police District 20

14th Police District 15

35th Police District 12

5th Police District 0

This is solely based from one report, and does not take into consideration people who subsequently passed away at the hospital or where the case is reclassified as a homicide.

GUN VIOLENCE IN NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA - 1/1/2016 TO 3/31/2017

Total of 350 Shootings – 77 deaths because of the shootings

Youth Affected by Gun Violence in Northwest Philadelphia 1/1/2016 to 3/31/2017

<u>Age Group</u>	<u># of Shooting Victims</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Police Districts</u>		<u>Homicides</u>	
<u>6 Years Old</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>56/Males</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>10 Years Old</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5/Females</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>13 Years Old</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>35th</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>35th</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>14 Years Old</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>39th</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>39th</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>15 Years Old</u>	<u>2</u>					
<u>16 Years Old</u>	<u>5</u>					
<u>17 Years Old</u>	<u>11</u>					
<u>18 Years Old</u>	<u>18</u>					
<u>19 Years Old</u>	<u>19</u>					
	<u>Total = 62</u>					

Snap Shot of the 5th Police District for 2016

P/O Gregory Simon

Analyst/CPO

District	5	
Crime Category	Year to date 2016	% of total
Homicide	0	0%
Rape	10	1.76
Robbery w/Gun	18	3.17
Robbery other	13	2.29
Agg Assault w/Gun	4	0.70
Agg Assault	34	5.99
Burglary Residential	118	20.77
Commercial Burglary	31	5.46
Theft from Auto	232	40.85
Stolen Vehicle	108	19.01
Part 1 Total	568	

As you can see in the table above our 3 top crimes in the district are Theft from Auto, Residential Burglary and Stolen Vehicles. None of these crimes lead to Homicide or violence. As a whole the 5th District has a low number of violent crime yearly.

One Homicide took place in the 5th Police District in 2013 and that was the only homicide within **three** years.

Snap Shot of the 14th Police District

Police Officer Alvina McClain #5722
14th District Crime Prevention

5 Year Analysis of Violent Crimes in the 14th

1-1-12/12-31-12

Homicides = 19

Robbery w/Gun = 152

Robbery no Gun = 146

Aggravated Assault w/Gun = 68

Aggravated Assault no Gun = 152

1-1-13/12-31-13

Homicides = 16

Robbery w/Gun = 141

Robbery no Gun = 171

Aggravated Assault w/Gun = 83

Aggravated Assault no Gun = 134

1-1-14/12-31-14

Homicides = 13

Robbery w/Gun = 141

Robbery no Gun = 102

Aggravated Assault w/Gun = 80

Aggravated Assault no Gun = 116

1-1-15/12-31-15

Homicides = 14

Robbery w/Gun = 156

Robbery no Gun = 118

Aggravated Assault w/Gun = 114

Aggravated Assault no Gun = 161

1-1-16 to 10-17-16

Homicides = 15

Robbery w/Gun = 96

Robbery no Gun = 76

Aggravated Assault w/Gun = 75

Aggravated Assault no Gun = 123

Numerically analysis shows the top three violent crimes the past 5 years are: Aggravated assault with no gun, Robbery with gun, and Robbery no gun. The cause of homicides may be the result of arguments and rivalries. Robberies may occur due to economic incentive. Lastly, although aggravated assault with gun was not the top three, it is of course a problematic crime because of firearm use. The cause of aggravated assault with gun could be the result of arguments, rivalries, and domestic incidents.

Snap Shot of the 35th Police District

Michael Wexler Police Officer #5449/FLO & Crime Analyst

Highest Crime in the 35th District for the Past 5 years:

	2016, year to				
	10/16/16	2015	2014	2013	2012
Theft from Auto.	543	545	520	505	427
Theft	472	666	741	772	746
Burglaries	266	543	430	430	619

The top 3 crimes over the last 5 years is Theft from Automobiles, Theft, and Burglaries. Above is a graph of the data. Of the above crime statistics, they do not normally lead to homicides.

In my opinion, the cause of property crimes is multifaceted. There are some individuals who see an opportunity for theft during their daily routine and believe that they will get away with it. An example is a person leaves a visible computer bag in their automobile. The doer walks by that automobile on their way to work, and the doer thinks it will be an easy steal thinking they will get a valuable computer.

There are other people who commit property crimes and most of the time they are career criminals. They know that even if they are caught the chance of the them serving jail time or being convicted is very small. They make a good deal of easy money stealing and selling stolen property. These people are the hardest people to stop.

Another type of person who commits property crime is a person who is dependent on drugs and alcohol. These individuals may steal to support their drug habit.

There are people who do not fit into one of these categories

Homicides Investigation reports are only open to Homicide Unit. If I was making an unproven statement, it is my sense that a great deal of victims has priors arrest for weapon violations & narcotics possessions/Sales.

From 2010 to 2014 the estimated population of the 35th District is 111,793 people. The total amount of homicides in the 35th district for 2015 = 19, 2014 = 25, 2013 = 19, 2012 = 28, and 2011 = 23. The five-year mean is 22.8 murders per year. The numbers are roughly 20.4 murders per 100,000 people for a 5-year period. (2011-2015).

Snap Shot of the 39th Police District

P/O Joseph Lukaitis #2081

Crime Prevention Officer

39th District Crime Stats 01-01-12 to 11-09-16

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>10/2016</u>
Homicides	28	11	25	24	19
Robbery with Gun	151	181	193	183	152
Aggravated Assault with Gun	186	136	136	167	150
Aggravated Assault no Gun	316	302	298	321	289

Snap Shot of the County Prison Population, Zip Codes of individuals who reside in the Northwest Section of Philadelphia are: 19120, 19132, 19138, 19140, 19141, & 19144 Total Population in the County Prison is 1,642

ZIPCODE (including only zip codes with more than 50 total)	Total Count
19100	108
19104	134
19111	100
19120	263
19121	231
19122	71
19123	52
19124	445
19125	87
19126	62
19131	185
19132	350
19133	295
19134	552
19135	133
19136	82
19138	156
19139	264
19140	468
19141	169
19142	164
19143	370
19144	241
19145	172
19146	140
19148	118
19149	115
19151	112

HOMELESS TOTAL

CHARGES (including only Totals more than 10)	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
CC0901	CRIMINAL ATTEMPT	16
CC0903	CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	16
CC0907	POSSESSING INSTRUMENT OF CRIME	15
CC2501	CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	21
CC2502	MURDER	357
CC2502/A	ATTEMPTED MURDER	14
CC2502A	MURDER OF THE FIRST DEGREE	35
CC2701A2	SIMPLE ASSAULT	34
CC2702-1	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	406
CC2706A	TERRORISTIC THREATS	12
CC3123	INVOL DEV SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	15
CC3125	AGGRAVATED INDECENT ASSAULT	11
CC3126	INDECENT ASSAULT	14
CC3301	ARSON AND RELATED OFFENSES	15
CC3304A3	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	14
CC3503C	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	20
CC3701A2	ROBBERY	527
CC3921	THEFT BY UNLWF TAKING OR DISPO	74
CC3929	RETAIL THEFT	76
CC4304	ENDANGERING WELFARE OF CHILD	13
CC4915A1	MEGAN'S LAW: FAIL TO REGISTER	14
CC4952	INTIMID OF WITNESSES/VICTIMS	13
CC5902	PROSTITUTION & RELATED OFFENSE	14
CC6105	FORMER CONV NOT TO OWN A FA	39
CC6106NU	FIREARM CARRIED W/O A LICENSE	184
CS13A14	VIO CS/DRUG/DEV & COSMETIC ACT	1169
PC721	RAPE	172
PC817	RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	60
PC901	BURGLARY	167
VC1372	SUMMARY VIO OF MV CODE	13
VC3802	DUI-ALCOHOL OR DRUGS	23

Outcomes Based on the Six-Year Statistics

For the 2017/2018 Northwest Victim Services will expand services to Young Men of Color and to Seniors.

During the 2016/2017 fiscal year a great deal of shootings took place affecting young African American Men. Our goal is to offer services hours after an incident takes place. We would like to partner with one of the hospitals in the Northwest (preferably Einstein Health Care Network).

Northwest Victim Services provided services to nearly 630 Men of Color during their preliminary hearings & approximately 48 with filing claims for lost wages, unpaid medical bills, funeral expenses, crime scene clean-up, and counseling.

During July 1, 2016 to July 12, 2017 – 6,461 Men of Color were impacted by crime within the Northwest Section of Philadelphia.

5th Police District: Age Range 2 years old to 79 years old / 163 Victims of Crime

14TH Police District: Age Range 1-year old to 99 years old / 2,126 Victims of Crime

35th Police District: Age Range 1-year old to 99 years old/ 2,091 Victims of Crime

39th Police District: Age Range 3 years old to 99 years old / 2,081 Victims of Crime

During July 1, 2016 to July 12, 2017 – 2,525 Victims over the age of 60 were impacted by crime within the Northwest Section of Philadelphia.

5th Police District: Age Range 60 to 98 / 227 Victims of Crime

14th Police District: Age Range 60 to 97 / 971 Victims of Crime

35th Police District: Age Range 60 to 95 / 804 Victims of Crime

39th Police District: Age Range 60 to 91 / 623 Victims of Crime

Northwest Victim Services provided services to 123 Victims over the age of 60 during their preliminary hearings. Northwest Victim Services assisted 66 Victims over the age of 60 with filing a Victim Compensation Claim for lost wages, unpaid medical bills, crime scene clean-up, funeral expenses, and for counseling.

Important Questions:

1. Are seniors attending their court hearings?
2. Are seniors afraid of following through with the judicial process because they live in the same area as the offender? Is the offender one of their family members?

3. Is there a lack of transportation?

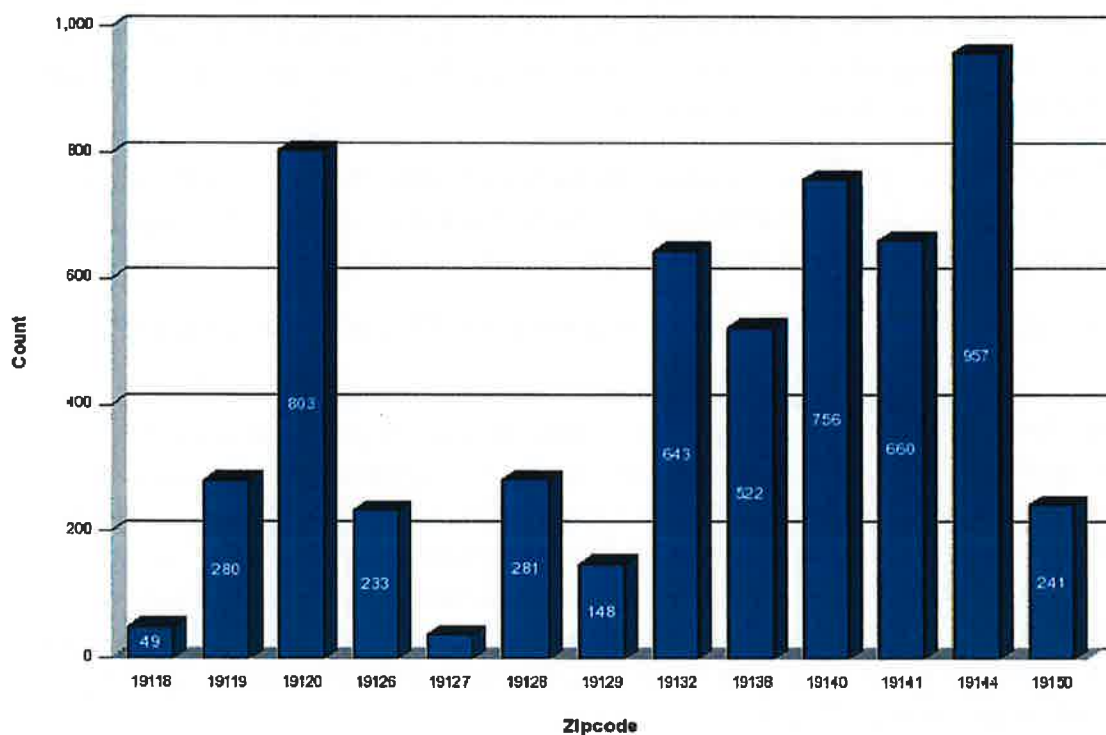
One of our goal for 2017/2018 is to find more effective ways to reach victims of crime over the age of 60.

- Northwest Victim Services will partner with C.A.R.I.E for the 2017/2018 fiscal year to identify and educate on elder abuse.

Comparison of Police Districts

In looking at the 5th Police District in comparison to the 14th, 35th, and 39th Police Districts why is there no homicides or daily shootings taking place?

Below is a graph that displays the number of Crime Victims we service in Northwest for one year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015). The lowest numbers were in the 19127-zip code which is in the 5th Police District (Manayunk) & 19118 which is in the 14th Police District (Chestnut Hill).



What can other Northwest neighborhoods do to lessen their chances of becoming Victims of Crime? Crime cannot be prevented however; Northwest victim Services can educate communities by conducting educational presentations on crime deterrence tips and tools.

Looking at the five-year statistics and the categories that were ranked in the top 3. Northwest Victim Services has reestablished existing and implemented new services were being offered to Victims of Crime.

The Executive Director reimplemented all three community programs the Executive Director created (from 2004 to 2012). The New Executive Director understood the need of being proactive with educating the community on how to lessen their chances of being a Victim of Crime. Those programs are: “Stand for Something” Youth Program to educate on victimization and bullying, Senior’s 4 Safety, educate seniors on scams, and Coffee Klatch a support group for Victims of Crime. ALL the community programs are FREE services provided by the staff of NVS.

The Executive Director began filing claims during the 2015/2016 fiscal year and that process is still taking place. The Executive Director files claims in all four police districts when she attends court (2 to 3 times a month), during Parole Board Hearings, and when victims are identified after public presentations. Because of that new system the claim statistics has increased for the agency. The new Executive Director discovered by going to court and speaking with the victims face to face and explaining what services NVS has to offer the Victim felt more comfortable and 95% of the time a claim would be filed at that time.

New and Existing Partnerships were formed and reestablished (under the Executive Directors tenure 2014- to Present). These partnerships are crucial in supplying the needs of all crime victims that are serviced by the NVS staff. Those partnerships consist of:

Existing Partnership – *The Philadelphia Police Department & The Philadelphia Sherriff’s Office*

New Service for Crime Victims – *Therapy* -Victim Advocates would always get request from Victims to receive services for Therapy. Based on the growing demand the Executive Director hired a Licensed Social Worker in June of 2014, made the decision to appoint a Licensed Social Worker to assist Victims in need at the Northwest Victim Services office. The New Licensed Social Worker began during the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The Licensed Social Worker received referrals from the Victim Advocates, Courtroom Advocate, and the Executive Director by way of Victims who testify during preliminary hearings, Victims who testify at Parole Board Hearings, and after completing public presentations.

New Partnership -*Temple Hospital Healing Hurt People* & Existing Partnership- Referrals from Social Workers

New Partnership - *St. Christopher Hospital Healing Hurt People*

New Partnership - *Einstein Hospital Healing Hurt People* & Existing Partnership - Referrals from Social Workers

New Partnership - *Tabor Children's Services* - (Tabor) is a nonprofit community-based child welfare organization that secures support resources and permanent connections for children and youth within their own community and culture so they can overcome life's challenges and reach their full potential. Tabor is a true "family of services" as it provides a comprehensive range of programs that ensure children, youth and families are safe and secure in their homes and in their communities.

Existing Partnership - *Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy (PCVA)* - The Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy is a membership coalition of organizations and individuals that provide direct services, advocacy, and assistance to victims, co-victims, and witnesses of crime in Philadelphia.

New Partnership - *Northwest Community Coalition of Youth (NCCY)* - The Northwest CommUnity Coalition for Youth is an organization of School Leadership, School and Local Law Enforcement, Faith Based Organizations, Businesses, Community Organizations and Elected Officials coming together to keep children safe.

New Partnership - *Network of Neighbors, City of Philadelphia Crisis Response Team (DBHIS)* - Network of Neighbors Responds to Violence and is a neighbor-driven network of Philadelphians who are called on to support communities after violent, often traumatic incidents for youth 19 years of age and younger. Philadelphia has one of the highest rates of violence in the country. These incidents not only affect victims, but they also have a significant impact on victim's families and their communities.

New Partnership- *U.S. Attorney's Office, Restorative Justice Program, Project Safe Neighborhoods* – working with returning citizens who served state sentences by providing them with resources to live a crime free and productive life.

New Partnership - *Office of Victim Advocate, Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole* - In Person Victim testimony is an opportunity for victims to either meet with a few of the parole board members in person in the Harrisburg Central Office, or video conference with them if they cannot travel to Harrisburg. These video conference testimonies are the ones that the Office of Victim Advocate ask local victim service agencies to assist with. Northwest Victim Services, Executive Director has been completing since February of 2015. The local victim service advocate's role for that day would be for emotional support, to provide local resources/referrals when needed, and to help review the Parole Decision Making Process handout with the victim.

Parole Violation Hearing Video Conferences are held at: Eastern Philadelphia Parole Regional District Office, 2630 N 13th ST, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132.

Existing Partnership - ***Need in Deed*** – Need in Deed’s mission has been to use the classroom to prepare young people for civic responsibility and service to others, enabling them to become capable, contributing members of society. Working in public, charter, independent and faith-based schools, we train and support teachers as they adopt a teaching and learning strategy known as service-learning.

New Partnership – ***Philadelphia Fire Department*** for arson victims NVS can file claims for unpaid medical bills, funeral expenses, lost wages (for the victim and family members), counseling, and other services. For other fire victims NVS can assist with providing resources to ensure their needs are met after the incident such as:

- Shelter Information
- Church Information for monetary assistance for clothing
- Emergency Food Assistance Locations
- Local Food Banks

New Partnership – ***The Salvation Army*** has a long history and mission of fighting the dehumanizing horrors of human trafficking both internationally and domestically. The fight against the evil of modern day slavery is ever present in the United States, and in the state of Pennsylvania. NVS will assist individuals who are victims of Human Trafficking with tattoo removal, counseling, and other needs.

New Partnership – ***The Philadelphia School District*** Student Support Services Office of Prevention & Intervention. Northwest Victim Services partners with the Philadelphia School District to assist school children, their family members, and community members when death occurs or tragic incidents.



New NVS Youth Program – ***“It’s All About YOU”*** Youth Support Group formed for children who have lost a parent(s) to Violence. The goal of the Support Group is to allow the youth to tell their story, help others who underwent the same experience, gain coping skills, and to help empower each other. The focus groups will run in 4-week sessions with an incentive after completing the four weeks.



**Working
Better
Together**

Existing Partnership – Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church – Community Ministry. Enon has been instrumental in the success of Northwest Victim Services by way of providing financial contributions, community event partnerships, and overall support for Victims of Crime. New Initiative with Enon – Northwest Victim Services will provide information to the Men's Movement as needed. The Men's Movement at ENON linked with Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross to identify 30 high crime corners within the City of Philadelphia. This initiative consists of Men throughout Philadelphia with diverse faiths that come together for one purpose – TO DECREASE THE CRIME RATE WITHIN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA! The Gentleman position themselves on the corners from 10:00PM to 1:00AM. A minimum of 7 men per corner and there was a limitation to serve only one corner for 3 consecutive Friday nights. This initiative will take place several times throughout the year under the leadership of Reverend Leroy Miles.

30 Corners identified throughout Philadelphia:

East Division

100 W Cambria Street
2800 Park Avenue
600 W. Clearfield Street
C & Sommerset
Rorer & Indiana

South Division

5th & Moore
27th & Snyder
23rd & Mifflin
29th & Moore
20th & Dickinson

Northwest Division

Chew & Woodlawn
5100-5200 Germantown Avenue
21st and Conklin Street
2nd & Linton Street
1500 Clearfield Street

Southwest Division

6500-6600 Greenway Avenue
2100 S Daggett Street
3800 Aspen Street
5200 Spruce Street
5500 Pearl Street

Northeast Division

Bridge & Dara
Frankford & Pratt
Arron and Frisco
Tackawanna & Fillmore
Unruh & Marsden

Central Division

1700 Newkirk Street
15th & Lehigh
1900 Dauphin
24th & Clifford
30th Huntingdon Street

The partnerships Northwest Victim Services has, new and existing have all played a vital role in assisting Northwest Victim Services with providing appropriate amenities to crime victims.

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