

Operationalizing Collaboration with Local and Federal Partners: A Road Map to Success

Since 2022, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina alongside the Raleigh Police Department, have engaged in a robust crime reduction initiative named the Violent Crime Action Plan (VCAP). The VCAP is a comprehensive effort to utilize local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to combat violent crime.

The goal of VCAP is to identify and systematically investigate individuals contributing to violent crime, bring relief to communities with a propensity to experience violent crime, and successfully prosecute violent offenders.



"This is another example of how collaborative relationships between the RPD, and our Federal partners facilitated through the Violent Crime Action Plan (VCAP) reduce the drivers of violence by focusing on prolific offenders and the criminal activity they propagate. Violence that wreaks havoc on our community will not be tolerated."

-Estella D. Patterson, Chief of Police, Raleigh, North Carolina, Police Department

"Two years ago, we launched a new multi-agency partnership to drive down violent crime in Raleigh. Our strategy: a proactive focus on federal charges for violent offenders. We want Raleigh citizens to know our partners are working around the clock to keep our city safe."





City of Raleigh, North Carolina Offenses by the Numbers:

Crime	2022	2023	2024*
Homicide Incidents	43	33	25*
Sex Offense/Forcible Rape	178	159	172°
Assault/Aggravated	1,118	1,162	1,079*
Assault/Aggravated - Firearm	490	493	444*
Robbery/From Business	93	88	71*
Robbery/From Person	365	353	329*
Firearms Recovered	1,108	1,376	1,073*

*YTD as of December 2, 2024



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The Violent Crime Action Plan (VCAP) utilizes an intelligence-led policing approach to combat violent crime. Criminal intelligence gathered is data driven to focus on areas experiencing violent crime. The VCAP initiative meets on a bi-weekly basis with representatives from all divisions of the Police Department as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. This approach has worked to maximize efficiency and deliver results.

Key Components of VCAP

- INTELLIGENCE: utilize violent crime data and intelligence from law enforcement personnel to identify trends, patterns, and investigative leads.
- ENFORCEMENT: plan, coordinate, and execute proactive violent crime reduction efforts with subject matter experts in various enforcement/investigative units at the local, state, and federal level.
- INVESTIGATION: assist major crimes detectives with open violent crime cases to include suspect/witness development, generating leads and evidence through proactive investigations, and pattern identification in violent crime feuds. Additionally, implementing complex case investigative tools commonly used in our federal task force groups.
- PROSECUTION: maximize relationship with local District Attorney's Office and United States Attorney's Office to successfully prosecute offenders identified as drivers of violent crime in the community.

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