

# QUARTER 4 REPORT

October 1, 2021 — December 31, 2021

## Overview

The purpose of the Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) is to collaborate through information sharing in response to violent incidents through a multi-agency collaboration with the goal of stabilizing the communities involved and preventing further violence. While there were many incidents that occurred in Madison and Dane County during this period, CSIT and the Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) at Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) only track certain violent or critical incidents. These critical incidents usually include the potential for ongoing community violence and potential retaliation. CSIT will also discuss patterns of violence and other incidents that could lead to retaliation and ongoing violence, such as shots fired and gang related issues.

## Cases Discussed:

Type of incident	Number of CSIT Incidents Discussed
Homicide	2
Attempted Homicide	10
Shots Fired	14
Other (robbery, stolen auto, SWAT, Assault, etc.)	3

## Madison Police Department Notifications

Between the beginning of October and the end of December there were 52 notifications of incidents sent to the Alders and tracked by the Violence Prevention Unit. Of those incidents, 29 were discussed by CSIT at the weekly meeting, while 23 were recorded for tracking and data collection.

## Overall Synopsis

Gun violence seemed to be a major theme of this quarter. CSIT discussed 2 homicides during this quarter; as well as the 14 incidents of shots fired across the city. A majority of the incidents resulted in individuals fleeing the area and some property being hit by bullets. In addition, there were several incidents where guns were recovered from stolen autos. A recent car crash involving youth yielded 6 firearms that Madison Police were able to recover and submit for forensic testing to see if they were involved in any of the recent shootings. Four of the youth in the car were still on juvenile supervision and were due to be sent to Lincoln Hills.

Madison Police Department (MPD) along with other area police departments and local agencies have been working together to both stop the stolen autos and identify those that may be responsible for a majority of the thefts. These thefts are often tied to other crimes in the area as well as gun thefts and shots fired.

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## Interventions/Outcomes

CSIT will continue to coordinate a response and provide services to those in need from city and county departments as well as community service providers in the aftermath of an incident. Along with Madison Police Department responses, Focused Interruption was able to provide services at the hospital for both of the homicides this quarter.

Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) and the Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP) were also part of the CSIT response and information sharing when juveniles were involved in the violent crimes discussed, in order to provide outreach and support in the schools and community.

Following a recent sentencing for a homicide, there was follow up with families and friends, as well as with others involved. Focused Interruption was able to do outreach work outside of the courthouse; and the Victim Witness Unit provided services to the families affected by the crime.

## Next Steps

In 2022, one goal of CSIT is to implement a new, more secure system for quick communication between CSIT members by utilizing a mass notification system. Furthermore CSIT will track the follow-up and outcomes of all individuals that were identified in the cases discussed, and who received services or were referred to other resources by CSIT members. This will also include the ability to update a shared spreadsheet that all members can access.

In addition, VPU and CSIT are working on ways to strengthen partnership and information sharing with MMSD in order to provide resources and assistance to school-aged youth.

The VPU plans to enhance its data collection on violent crimes in Madison and the surrounding jurisdictions in the upcoming year. In addition, other neighboring law enforcement agencies may be invited to the CSIT group, as many violent crimes often cross jurisdictions.