

VIOLENCE, DRUG SALES, AND MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS IN WINTON TERRACE – DISTRICT FOUR–

The Team

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Introduction

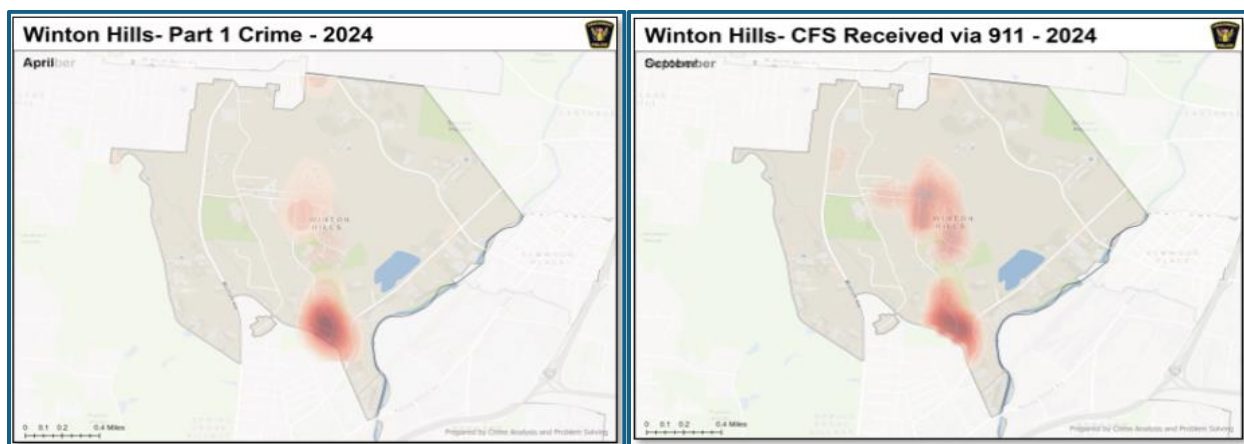
Winton Terrace, a community in the Winton Hills neighborhood, has faced significant public safety and quality of life challenges. For these reasons, District Four engaged in a problem-solving effort in 2024, in addition to traditional police responses.

Problem Identification

District Four highlighted shootings and homicides, violent crime, juvenile crimes, mental health concerns, and drug sales as top among the problems identified in this area. Seven homicides, two rapes, seven strangulations, eleven robberies, 32 burglaries, 24 aggravated assaults, and 29 mental health calls were documented between April and September of 2024.

Analysis

Analysts studied Part One crime by month, searching for “hot spots” of activity. The team identified specific block segments where problems concentrated, including the 5200 & 5300 block of Holland Drive and the intersection with Vivian Place, the 600 and 800 blocks of Dutch Colony Drive, the 400 block of Kings Run, and Craft Street. They also identified specific addresses of concern.



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Responses

To address these identified problems, the team selected several approaches. First, arrests of armed offenders were prioritized. 36 firearms were recovered resulting in numerous felony arrests.



Arrest activity in this area was continually tracked. The team noted that after surges in arrests for drugs and weapons in July and August, bookings declined dramatically.



Officers also worked with community partners to continue building positive relationships with residents, both young and old. These efforts were wide-ranging, including a STEM bicycle program, youth interactions at the Kings and Queens recreation center, an anti-violence walk, and participation in a community safety program.

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Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), the local property manager, reinforced community safety messaging by authoring a letter to all residents reminding them of their responsibilities as tenants subject to their lease agreements.

Assessment

*This project is ongoing, with additional responses underway in 2025. Gun violence remains a significant concern here, in addition to violent crime. Responses are ongoing.