

Executive Summary
Louisville Metro Police Department Place-Based Investigations Unit

Overview:

Place-Based Investigation (PBI) acknowledges violent crime concentrates across places, victims and offenders^[1]. The key to long-term crime reduction is to dismantle the entire physical infrastructure, or place networks, used by offenders. Louisville Metro seeks to do this by leveraging all city resources to:

- Have a **focused approach** that addresses Crime Place Networks where violence has been chronic or sustained;
- Efficiently identify **place networks** that facilitate violence in communities;
- **Disrupt** offenders' ability to harm individuals and the surrounding community through focused strategies; and,
- Create **sustainable solutions** that enhance public safety.

Micro-locations are identified based on crime statistics gathered on calls for service, violent crime and other criminal activity in the area. This information is analyzed and put through a matrix to determine which areas should be focused on. Several areas in Louisville have been analyzed, but only one area was selected as a starting point for the PBI project – Elliott Avenue. In addition to using data to select this location, LMPD 1st Division officers had been doing investigative work on Elliott Avenue so, in Spring 2020, the PBI Squad was able to merge with that work to launch the initial PBI project location. As LMPD continues to gather information on place networks, the PBI Squad works with other city agencies to enhance public safety in those areas.

Key Dates:

Louisville's model is based on Cincinnati's PIVOT model, which started in 2015.

- May 2019 – LMPD introduced the concept of Place Network Investigations (PNI)
- June 2019 – LMPD staff (majors and above) and some Louisville Metro Senior Staff attended a presentation on the PNI concept.
- August 2019 – Louisville Metro Senior Staff attended a SafeStat meeting which was a presentation on PNI and were able to talk with the Cincinnati Police Chief who adopted PIVOT.
- October 2019 – LMPD staff traveled to Cincinnati to observe an all-city meeting and meet with the PIVOT team.
- November 2019 – Additional LMPD Staff observed a Cincinnati meeting.
- December 2019 – The LMPD PBI Squad was officially created.
- February 2020 – The Office for Performance Improvement led three internal meetings to give a general overview/explanation of PBI. All three covered the same material and the PBI Squad was present at each.

^[1] From Place Based Investigations to Disrupt Crime Place Networks...The Police Chief, April 2017