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## Scope

- The Phoenix Metro area consists of approximately 3 million people. Maricopa County and has several smaller cities in addition to Phoenix, which create a multitude of jurisdictions who share many of the same problems and criminals.
- City of Phoenix 518 Sq. miles 1.7M residents.
- Phoenix PD has 2514 officers, 3125 if fully staffed.
- Maryvale Precinct (roughly the size of Washington DC) 76 sq. miles, Approx. 305,000 residents. 198 officers assigned.
- Maryvale takes approx. 20% of the radio calls for the city.



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## Why Now?

- Violence related to youth parties



- Multi-jurisdictional Town-Hall meetings were being held



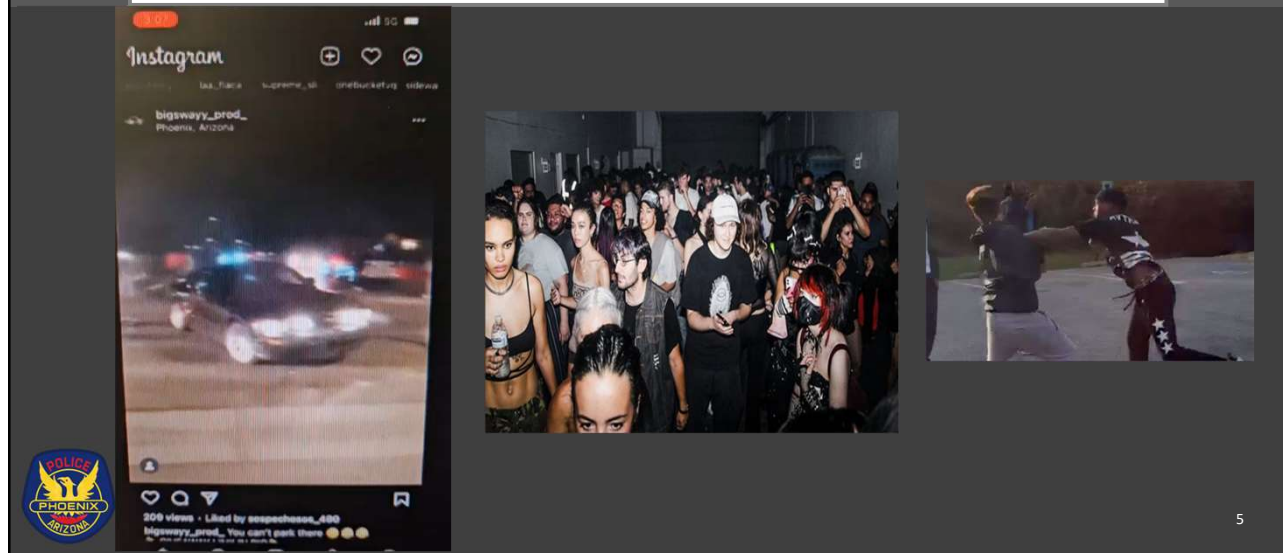
- Violence related to parties was being reported at a much greater rate
- Multitude of large parties have spread across the city frequently end in violence



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## Large Parties



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## Stakeholders

- Phoenix Police Officers and Sergeants
- City and County Prosecutor's officers
- Juvenile Court
- Neighborhood Services Department
- Zoning Department
- City Council Districts (Community Leaders)
- Faith and Justice Project (Community Leaders)
- Department of Child Services



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## Mission Objectives

<b>Limit</b>	High-risk exposure of possible victims with the shutting down large parties which impact the neighborhoods.
<b>Enforce</b>	Felony crimes such as random gunfire, drug-related crime, stolen vehicles, and warrants.
<b>Leverage</b>	Technology used to anticipate events and make preemptive contact.
<b>Focus</b>	Title 4 (Liquor) violations as staffing permits. Staffing and subsequent safety concerns may not allow the squad to detain large groups for liquor enforcement alone.
<b>Follow up</b>	Work with property owners to prevent further incidents.



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## Methodology

1. Working weekend nights
2. Scouts
3. Party Interdiction
4. Intelligence Driven
  - Open Source
  - Social Media
  - Traffic Stops



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## Training & Partnerships

Training

Equipment

Technology

Specialty Teams



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## Where to Start?

- Task officers to work proactively
- Train officers what to look for and how to engage
- Provide the necessary equipment
- Work with communications
- Create partnerships



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## Specific Training

Violent Crimes Detectives,  
Homicide, Non-Fatal Shoot  
Team, Crime Gun  
Investigations Units

Investigators who deal  
with Title 4/Liquor and  
Fake ID's.

Juvenile Division of  
Maricopa County  
Attorney's Office

State Probation and  
Juvenile Corrections

Social Media Intelligence  
gathering from Real Time  
Operations Center

Traffic Stop safety and  
tactics with Gang  
Enforcement Unit

Ride with the Street Racing  
Task Force for Crime  
Suppression Unit  
observation

Special Assignments Unit  
(SWAT) on Close Quarters  
Battle, building searches,  
breaching techniques and  
drone demonstration



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“But this is  
the way we have  
always done it”



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## Forced Evolution

- Youth Alcohol Enforcement
  - Old methods - surround party with 80 cops
- Realities of modern policing
  - Staffing
- Technology
  - Drones, License Plate Readers & unmarked cars
- Anticipate the next move
  - Where are they going next?



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## How to Make an Impact?

- Intelligence on the front end
  - Identify armed security
  - Identify party promoters
  - Weapons in the crowd
- Set up take away cars to make stops
  - Target vehicles who are connected to organization of the party
- Focus on high value people.
  - Promoters, security, obvious criminal behavior
- Be prepared for secondary meet up
  - Gas stations, parking lots, etc.



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## Follow-Up Investigations

1. Property Owner contact
2. Use of social networking
3. Arizona Department of Child Services referrals

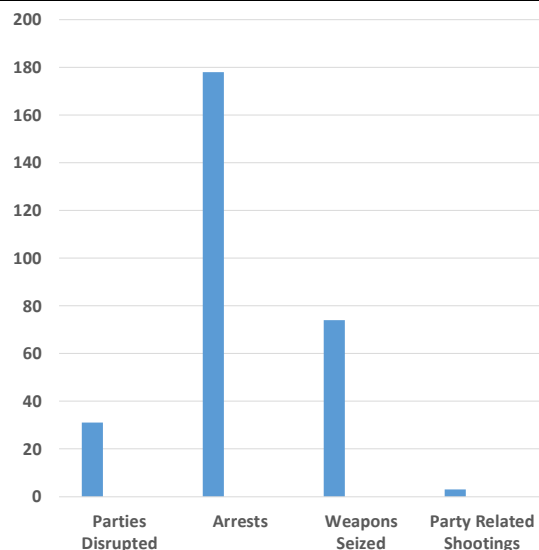


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## Relevant Statistics

- Parties which required major response: **31**
- Arrests: **178**
- Guns: **74** (6 illegal)
- Total Calls for Service: **1836**
- Traffic stops: **2954**
- Party-Related Shootings: **3**



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## Weapons Seized



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## Results

- Spring 2024: 2-3 shootings each weekend
- Using NIBIN technology: related 6 different shootings to the same group of criminals
- Experienced only 3 party related shootings June-August 2024



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## Lessons Learned

- Suspects - start with Top 10 list from associated disciplines
- Most junior team required more training and direct supervision to keep focused on the mission due to citywide responsibility
- Partnerships made the difference - outside agencies allowed for follow-up with Zoning and Neighborhood Services departments
- Follow-up with venues and primary suspects is important to the success of the program



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## Conclusion

- Loud party calls dispatched, no longer broadcast only
- The lieutenant, 2 sergeants and 12 officers were recommended for the Phoenix PD Distinguished Service Award
- The program is being implemented again this summer due to excellent results



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Questions?

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