

**GVI Update  
Community Affairs Committee  
8/31/22**



# Topic: GVI Update

- Topics to be discussed:
  - Victims Fund
  - GVI Call-In
  - Custom notifications and outreach

# Overview of Group Violence Intervention

- Operational approach to reduce violence and build trust between communities and criminal justice agencies
- Enhance legitimacy by explicitly breaking with past practice over-enforcement and under protection
- Understand that communities are not dangerous: violence is driven by a small number of people
- Conduct outreach to this small number of people through Call-Ins, Custom Notifications and outreach
- Use law enforcement and sanctions as strategically as possible
- Safe, alive and free



# GVI Victims Fund

- The victim's fund is set up to aid those families identified through GVI with temporary emergency housing, counseling, etc.
- The Memorandum of Understanding for the victim's fund has been signed by all parties after being reviewed and edited
- Standard of Operating Procedure agreed upon
- Next steps will be to finalize account with Volunteers of America to begin use of victims fund



# GVI: Call-in

- A call-in is a face-to-face meeting of law enforcement representatives, community figures, social service providers, and group-involved individuals usually on probation or parole.
- The primary purpose is to deliver the strategy's key messages clearly to the group members and, through them, back to the entire groups with which they are associated
- Were currently working through probation and parole to encourage the probationer's participation with our call-ins.
- We have our faith-based partners on board with effective outreach for those in the Call-in as well as other community outreach partners
- In addition, we have met with judges and prosecutors to ensure requirements for the probationers as a part of their probation

# GVI: Customs and outreach

- Custom Notifications are home visits to those who are impact players or drivers of violence in the community. The point of Custom Notifications is to deliver the deterrence message to them personally
- To date we have done over 125 Custom notifications with a 6% recidivism rate, which is people who have been revictimized or have reoffended.
- In June we began a test trial involving persons of outreach from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Of that trial 14 individuals visited 2 of that trial OSHN assisted in acquiring jobs at Reynolds
- Typically, it takes multiple visits with this population and continued assessments of the individual and their family to bridge gaps and better assess their needs while building trust within the household

# Summary

- Please know that GVI is working to ensure the victims fund is completed which will give financial assistance with the outcomes of violence
- We continue to work with our partners on Call-ins as well as customs and outreach



# Questions?



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