



**Action Summary - Final
Public Safety Committee**

Chair Jessica Green (D-1)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Green introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

Present: 5 - Chair Jessica Green (D-1), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), and Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0855](#)

**Louisville Metro Police Department - Victim Services Unit --
Nicole J. Carroll, Director**

Nicole Carroll, Louisville Metro Police Department, answered questions and gave an overview of the Victim Services Unit.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Nicole Carroll
- Committee Member Fox
- Council Member Arthur
- Committee Member George
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the services provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department's Victim Services Unit.
- The unit is comprised of 14 staff members, however, these individuals are not sworn personnel.
- This unit will provide victim services during a criminal investigation and prosecution of each case including the emotional, physical, and financial impacts of victimization.
- The unit covers cases such as domestic violence, arson, child abuse, sexual assault, criminal traffic incidents that result in death, assault, burglary, elder abuse, homicide, human trafficking, and robbery.
- The unit provides initial in-person and telephone communications to the victims of violent crimes.
- The unit detectives or Major Crimes division will forward cases to the unit to provide crisis intervention and support.
- The unit offers victim's rights and available victim services.
- The unit offers hotel assistance for a safe space after an incident.
- The unit is seeking additional funding for hotel assistance to offer extended stays to victims.
- There were several questions regarding the volume of domestic violence cases that the unit services. Accordingly, with the growth in the unit, personnel will now be able to provide services to all domestic violence cases.
- There were several questions regarding the demographic breakdown of where most cases are concentrated within the community and the type of cases warranting services.
- There were several questions regarding the extent of services extended to victims, witnesses, and family members, etc.
- There were several questions regarding the education, experience, and credentials of the personnel that comprise the unit.
- There was a discussion regarding the improvement in victim services and support to victims in the community compared to the previous level of services rendered.
- There were several questions regarding the broader benefit of victim services

overall to the community.

- There were several questions regarding the overall impact and engagement benefits of victim support to the community.
- There were several questions regarding the final performance measurables of victim support services.
- The unit has developed a victim satisfaction survey to gauge the needs of victims of violent crime.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Police Department has or will contract with a third-party to conduct a formal evaluation of the unit to ascertain definitive numbers of services rendered, volume of cases, and a breakdown of areas and crimes.
- There was a discussion regarding the benefits of an evaluation to ensure the sustainability of the program.
- There were several questions regarding the process of support provided.
- The victim services unit provides support from the onset of the incident throughout the investigation until the case is presented to the Grand Jury. At that time, the victim's will be supported by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office Victim's Advocate Unit.
- There was a discussion regarding streamlining the advocacy and support of victims, to provide a continuum of care from incident until adjudication.
- There were several questions regarding how the victim advocates provide support to victims of violent crimes and establish trust, although, an individual may not trust law enforcement.
- There was a discussion regarding the benefits of community partners that help to establish trust and build a rapport with victims.
- The unit also has a therapy dog to assist with trauma and compassion fatigue. The dog is used internally at this time and after training will be used externally on-site with victims.
- There was a discussion regarding the service professional partnerships that the Louisville Metro Police Department Victim Services Unit partners with to offer support for rental assistance, employment, and several other resources.
- There was a discussion regarding the financial services available that the Louisville Metro Police Department Victim Services Unit may be able to provide.
- The Louisville Metro Police Department Victim Services Unit receives three grants; two State and one Federal grant to provide housing services for victims of violent crimes.
- There were several questions regarding possible contractors for sanitizing services for crime scenes after criminal incidents.
- There was a discussion regarding impacts of the budget shortfalls to the unit and considering to increase the budget of the Louisville Metro Police Department Victim Services Unit.
- There was a discussion regarding a partnership with Christopher 2X to provide support for children of trauma and violent crime.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-128-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 131.01 AND 131.02 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14) and Additional Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Attachments: [O-128-21 PROPOSED CABS 061621 DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)
[O-128-21 PROPOSED CABS 060221 DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)
[O-128-21 V.1 032521 AMEND LMCO - DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)

This item remained tabled.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

***NOTE:** Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on July 29, 2021.