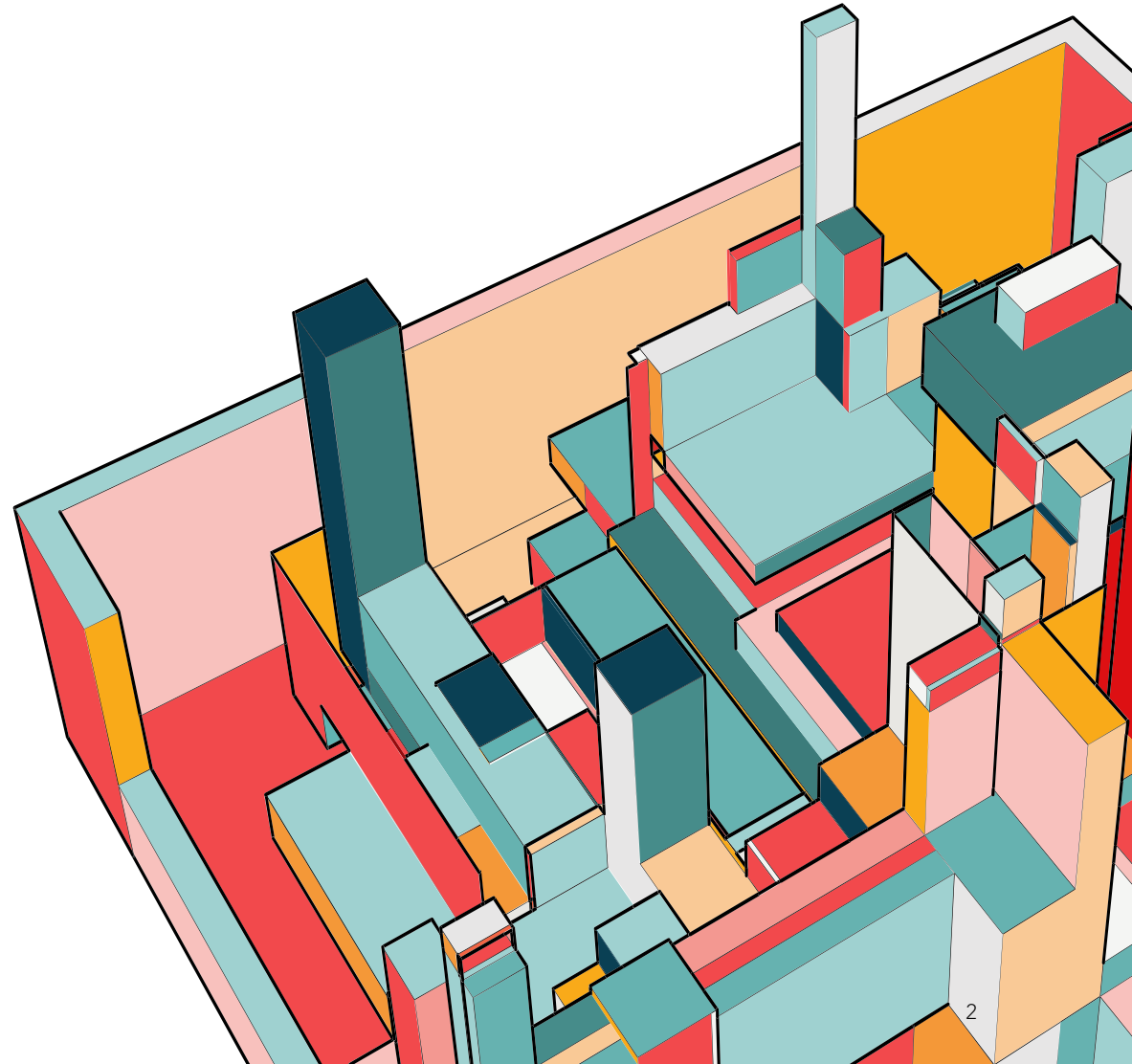


ONE SAFE HOUSTON

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ONE SAFE HOUSTON: ABOUT

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the "One Safe Houston" program, a \$44 million investment aimed at crime reduction. One Safe Houston is a comprehensive violence reduction initiatives that links research-based strategies to improve public safety and reduce the harms caused by violent crime.



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AREAS OF FOCUS OVERVIEW

VIOLENCE REDUCTION & CRIME PREVENTION

- Top Hot Spot Crime Neighborhoods /Patrol Enhancements
- Enhance City Park Security
- Differential Response Teams (DRT)
- Crime Suppression Teams (CST)
- Multi-agency Taskforce Initiatives
- Illegal Firearms
- Identify & address Nuisance Locations
- Criminal Justice System Improvements
- Technology Enhancements

KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Initiatives to Curb Gun Violence
- Crime Prevention & Public Safety Awareness Campaigns Crime Stoppers of Houston
- Faith-Based Interactions & Town Hall Discussions

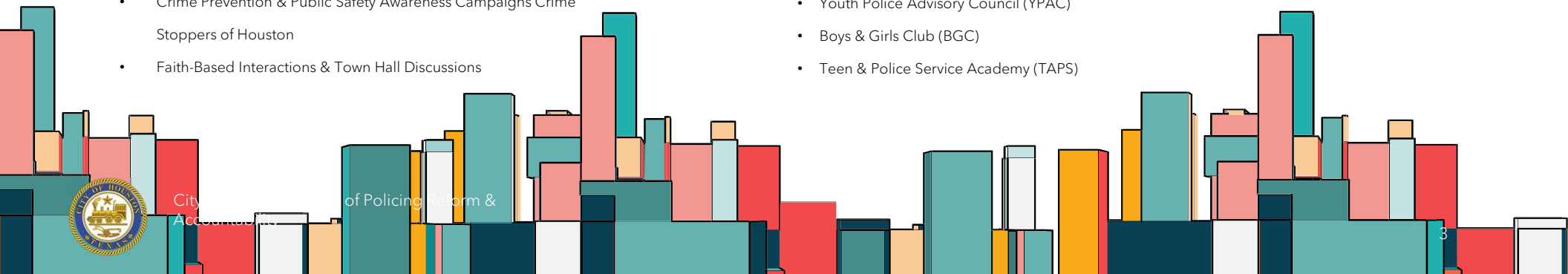
CRISIS INTERVENTION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Domestic Violence: Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART); Multicultural Domestic Violence Preventative Outreach Strategy

Mental Health: Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT); Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT); Clinician-Officer Remote Evaluation Program (CORE)

YOUTH OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Hire Houston Youth
- Gang Prevention Outreach Program (G.P.O.P)
- Greater Houston Police Activity League (GHPAL)
- Explorers
- Youth Police Advisory Council (YPAC)
- Boys & Girls Club (BGC)
- Teen & Police Service Academy (TAPS)



INITIATIVE COST BREAKDOWN

VIOLENCE REDUCTION & CRIME PREVENTION

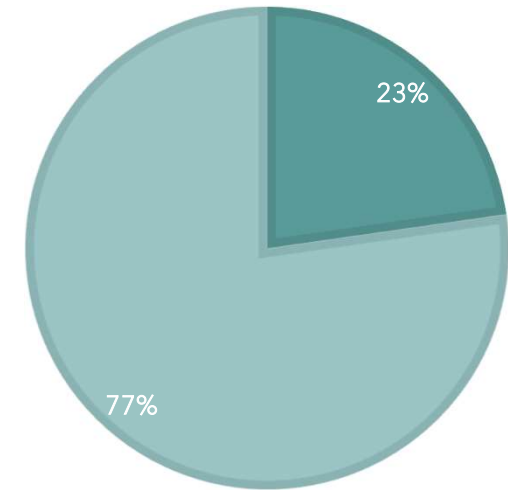
Patrol Enhancement	\$5,739,880.00
Additional Parks Department Rangers	\$1,915,200.00
Illegal Firearms - Gun Buyback Initiative	\$1,000,000.00
Houston Forensic Science Center Backlog Funding	\$1,500,000.00
Total	\$10,155,080.00

CRISIS INTERVENTION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Cure Violence Program	\$2,500,000.00
Community Re-Entry Network Program	\$1,000,000.00
Domestic Violence	\$9,608,627.18
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	21,384,178.00
Total	\$34,492,805.18

Grand Total: \$44,647,885.18

■ Violence Reduction & Crime Prevention
 ■ Crisis Intervention Response & Recovery



UPDATED INITIATIVE COST BREAKDOWN

VIOLENCE REDUCTION & CRIME PREVENTION

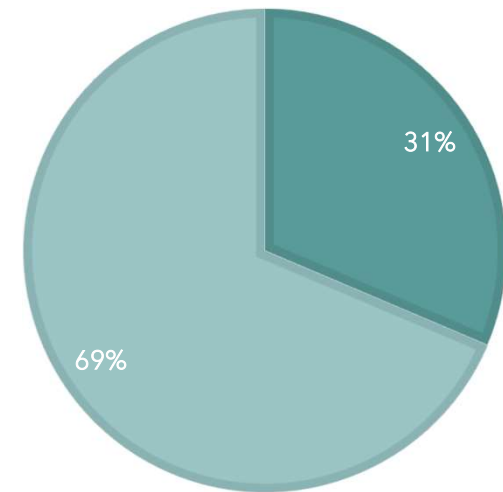
Patrol Enhancement	\$10,739,880.00
Additional Parks Department Rangers	\$1,915,200.00
Illegal Firearms - Gun Buyback Initiative	\$1,000,000.00
Houston Forensic Science Center Backlog Funding	\$3,000,000.00
Total	\$16,655,080 (^ 64%)

CRISIS INTERVENTION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Cure Violence Program	\$3,000,000.00
Community Re-Entry Network Program	\$1,000,000.00
Domestic Violence	\$9,608,627.18
Mental Health Crisis Intervention	\$22,817,971.00
Total	\$36,426,598.18 (^5.6)

Updated Grand Total: **\$53,081,678.18**
(18.8 % increase)

■ Violence Reduction & Crime Prevention
■ Crisis Intervention Response & Recovery



PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED

Win!

1

HPD 125 Additional Officers Recoveries

February 7, 2022 – June 13, 2022

- Firearms recovered 510
- Felony arrest 711
- Auto Recovery 312

2

Mental Health Crisis Intervention Teams

- Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT)
- Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT):
- Clinician- Officer Remote Evaluation Program (CORE)

3

Catalytic Converter Ordinance

The ordinance will stop business-to-business reselling of stolen exhaust emission control devices and make it necessary for anyone in possession of a cut catalytic converter to show proof of ownership.



PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED

Win!

4

Camera Ordinance

- Under the ordinance, bars, nightclubs, sexually oriented businesses, convenience stores and game rooms must have camera outside.
- Video must be stored for 30 days, HPD gets access within 72 hours of request.
- Effective 90 days from April 20, 2022

5

HPARD Additional Urban Park Rangers

- The City will hire fifteen (15) additional Park Ranger positions to support the efforts of local Law enforcement to help keep our parks safe.
- Undergoing the hiring of selected candidates.

6

HHD Community Re-entry Network Program

- The Community Re-Entry Network Program (CRNP) has a proven track record of providing wraparound support to ex-offenders and their families.
- Re-entry expansion from 500 to 750 participants.



Win!

DECREASE IN HOMICIDE RATE

As of June 1, 2022, there was an unofficial number of 189 homicides in Houston compared to 192 homicides at this time last year, representing a 2% decline in the city's homicide rate.

HPD showed a decrease in all 4 major violent crime categories. The reported number of robberies are down about 14%, while reported rapes have decreased by 33% and aggravated assaults have lowered by more than 9%.

The percentage in homicide rates will fluctuate as we make progress in reducing crime. However, we are trending in the right direction.

February 2, 2022

Year	Murders	Change in Murders
2021	37	32 %
2022	48	30%

June 1, 2022

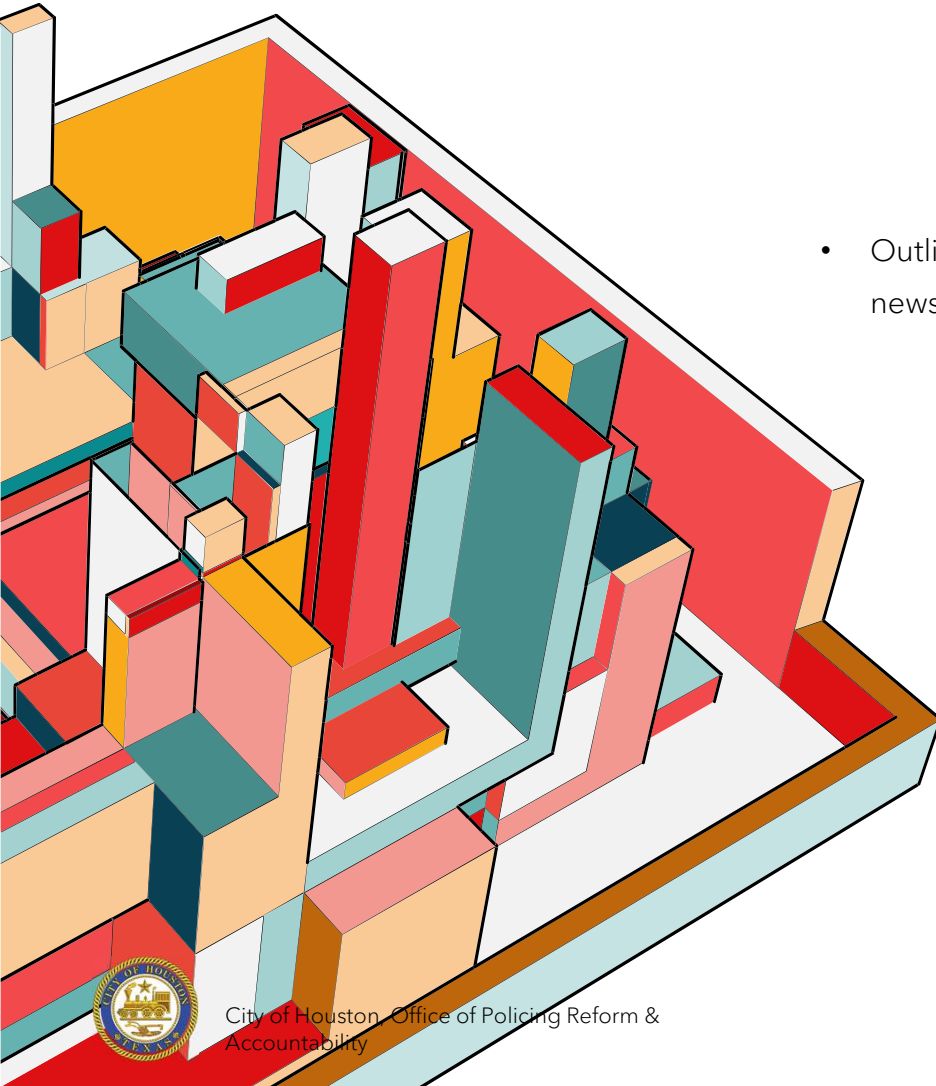
Year	Murders	Change in Murders
2021	192	32%
2022	189	- 2%



ONE SAFE HOUSTON WEBSITE

One Safe Houston website : <https://www.houston.tx.gov/onesafehouston/>

- Outlines updates of the One Safe Houston's initiatives including ways be to involved, news articles and a breakout of the initiative's layout.



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CITY OF HOUSTON
ONE SAFE HOUSTON

Dear Houstonians,

The City of Houston, not unlike all major cities in our nation, has experienced an increase in violent crime as the COVID-19 pandemic tightened its grip on our city, state and nation. Other factors contributing to the nationwide spike in violent crime include widespread social anxiety, economic uncertainty, mental health concerns, the increased presence of illegally owned firearms, and a strained court system plagued by criminal case backlogs that impact the prevention, release, and prosecution of violent offenders.

In 2021, the city launched a Violent Crime Initiative that resulted in the reduction of crime in many identified hot spots. By the end of the initiative, all violent crime categories were reduced except homicide. Sadly, the increase in homicides during the first months of 2022 and Houstonian assaults on police officers and fellow Houstonians is a sobering reminder that we must collaborate, as one community, to combat our current crime challenges.

Houstonians, it is time to take our city back! To realize this vision, we are launching the One Safe Houston crime reduction initiative, which focuses on four (4) key areas:

1. Violence Reduction and Crime Prevention
2. Crisis Intervention, Response and Recovery
3. Youth Outreach Opportunities
4. Key Community Partnerships

Much work is already underway within these primary focus areas, but additional work and commitment is needed to have the greatest impact and measure of success. One Safe Houston is a comprehensive violence reduction initiative that links research-based strategies to improve public safety and reduce the harms caused by violent crime. With the collaboration of all stakeholders, I am confident that we will reduce violence and emerge as One Resilient City - One Unified City - One Safe Houston.

Sincerely,
Sylvester Turner
Sylvester Turner
Mayor

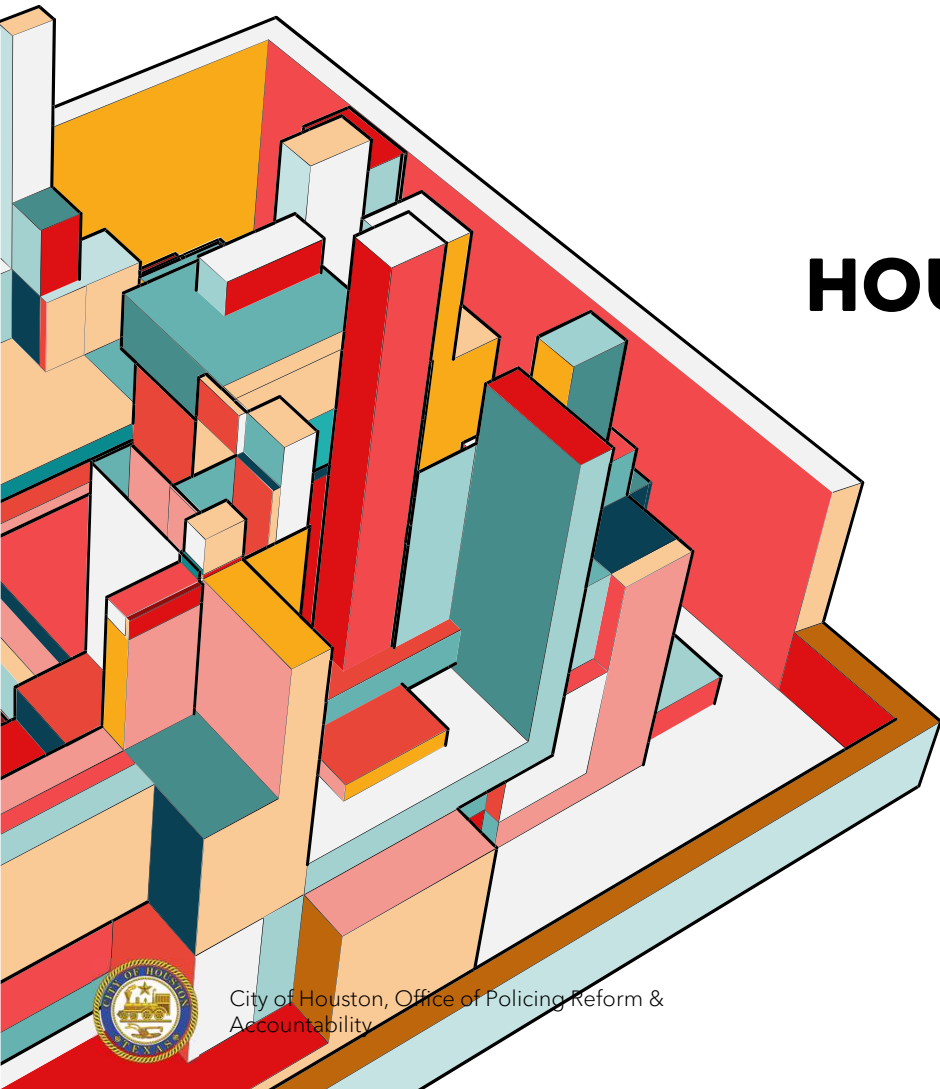
ONE SAFE HOUSTON KEY AREAS

Funding Breakdown
The One Safe Houston crime reduction initiative is a \$46 million investment funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

- \$2 million has been allocated towards Behavioral Health Programs, namely:
 - Crisis Call Diversion Program (CCD) - a 24-hour coverage program aimed at diverting mental health crisis calls that are non-criminal in nature to specialized and community mental health providers rather than sending first responders to investigate. [Learn more at https://www.houston.gov/onesafehouston](#)
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOPT) - an interdisciplinary mobile team comprised of psychologists, registered nurses, and licensed clinicians specializing in crisis intervention and rapid response. This methodology removes law enforcement from dealing with lower-level mental health calls and connects individuals to services and professionals that can help them most without involving the criminal justice system.
 - Crisis Intervention Response Teams (CIRT) - a specialized program that pairs a mental health clinician with a law enforcement partner. The mobile team responds to 911 dispatch calls and referrals from the HPD Mental Health Division, Harris County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Unit, and Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. The program has expanded to 24-hour coverage with 10 CIRT units deployed. [Learn more at https://www.houston.gov/onesafehouston](#)

Public Safety Initiatives

- Bond Company Protocols and Best Practices
 - The City Legal Department is drafting an ordinance for consideration by the Houston City Council, which would require that a bail bond company to charge a premium equal to at least ten percent of the amount of the bail bond set by the court. This would require that the cost of a bail bond be equal to what the public generally believes to be the cost of such a bond rather than some lesser amount.
- Court Backlog
 - The City of Houston is poised to work collaboratively with the Harris County Justice Economy Office to address these challenges, but the fact remains that the criminal court backlog is impacting the County's ability to bring violent offenders to court for completion. Accordingly, it is imperative that all criminal justice stakeholders work together to develop a plan to clear the criminal case backlog, especially those involving offenders charged with violent crimes and who pose the greatest risk of harm to our community.
- Identify and Address Nuisance Locations
 - Investigative Divisions within HPD and other city departments will work together to address night club and entertainment zones where repeated crimes of violence have occurred.
 - The City Legal Department is drafting an ordinance for consideration by the Houston City Council, which would increase transparency



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COMING SOON! **HOUSTON GUN BUYBACK EVENT**

Host: Mayor Sylvester Turner

Co Host: Commissioner Rodney Ellis

Co Host: Houston Police Department

NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!!! Details will be shared in the coming month.



GUN BUYBACK CIVILIAN OVERVIEW

Station 1

Entry

- Initial drive up through the parking lot
- Firearm will be placed in the trunk
- HPD will remove firearm(s) and ammunition from vehicle; render the firearm(s) safe via a bullet trap.

Station 2

Docking Area

- HPD will receive the firearm(s) and ammo and determine the value of firearms
- Fill out a receipt to the resident to redeem for gift card(s)

Station 3

Gift Cards

- Exchange receipt for the gift card along with a "Thank You" letter to citizens.
- HPD will maintain a log with receipts.
- When transaction is completed, the citizen will be directed to safety exit onto the street.



GIFT CARDS FOR FIREARMS

Easy transaction. No Questions Asked

\$100.00

Rifles and Shotguns



\$150.00

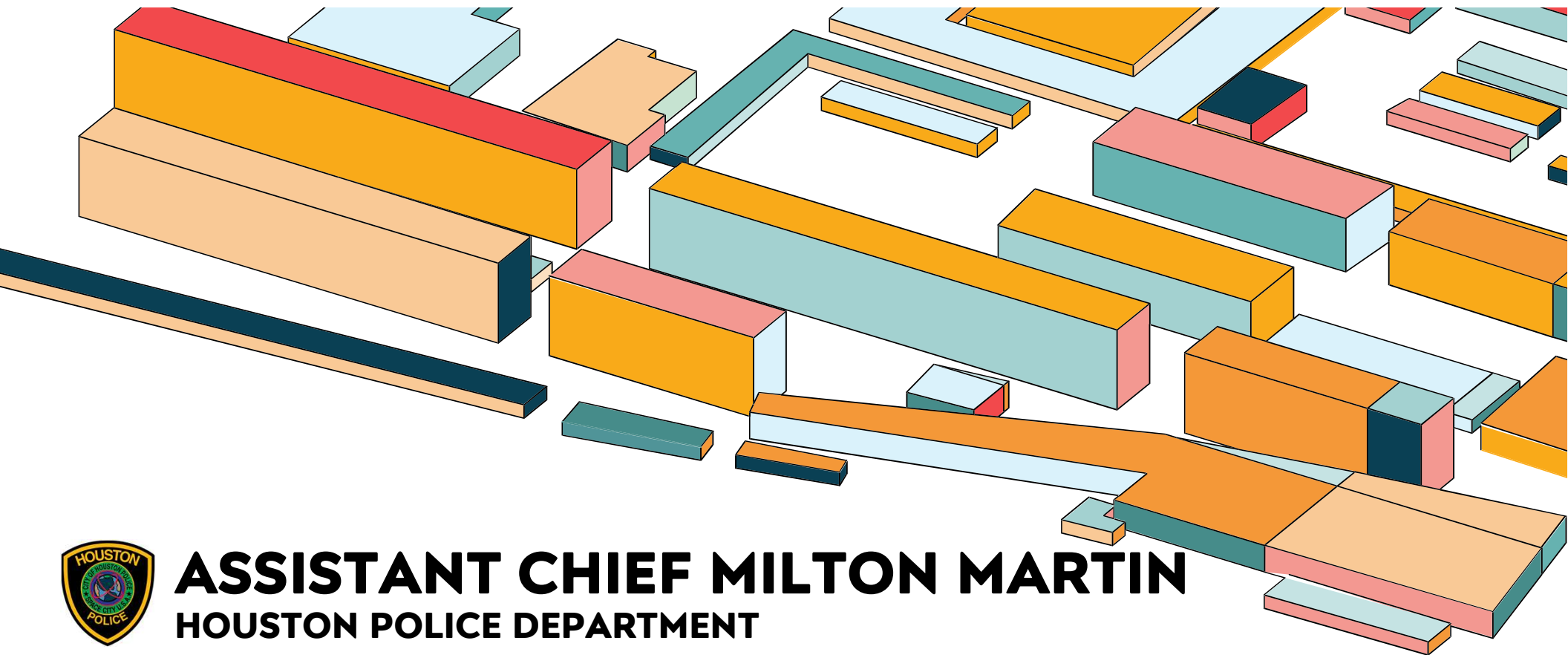
Handguns



\$200.00

Fully Automatic Rifles





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