DRUG MARKET INTERVENTION TRAINING

Drug Market Intervention (DMI) is a strategic problem-solving initiative aimed at disrupting and eliminating open-air drug markets and the associated crime, violence, and disorder that for decades has proven challenging for communities and law enforcement to address. The focused deterrence strategy focuses on small, geographic-based drug markets and the drug dealers in those areas. The most violent offenders are identified, detained, and prosecuted to demonstrate the consequences for selling drugs persistently and committing serious crimes. The strategy then stages an intervention with the low-level offenders, their families, people who are influential in the offender's life, and community members. Law enforcement mobilizes community residents, leaders, and family members of low-level drug dealers to voice their intolerance for this criminal behavior and to create opportunity and support for these offenders in changing their behavior. With law enforcement backing, offenders are given a choice to stop dealing drugs or face the maximum penalties allowed. This ultimatum is coupled with support services such as job training, housing, transportation, and health care.

Goal and Objectives

- Eliminate open-air drug markets.
- Reduce crime and disorder.
- Improve public safety and the community's quality of life.
- Return the neighborhood to the residents.

TTA Type: Training

TTA Format: Full training provided in person. An overview provided virtually.

Intended Audience: Federal, state, and local representatives of law enforcement, prosecution, probation/parole; community and business leaders; and social service providers

Length: Typically a day and a half but can be adapted for individual communities. Includes pre- and post-training consultation.

Agenda: The DMI follows a nine-step process that supports the effective implementation of this evidence-based model of violence reduction. Trainers will provide an understanding of the DMI nine-step model and assist the site with working through essential decisions such as team selection, community engagement, and timelines. The agenda includes an overall orientation to the DMI strategy, instructions on how to get started, awareness of critical issues that may arise during the implementation process, and advice on sustainability.

SMEs: SMEs/trainers are available and can be identified based on specific community needs. Trainers include law enforcement, prosecution, community, and research leaders experienced in the DMI model. Previous trainers include Robert Hood, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; Shila Hawk, Applied Research Services; Reverend Kenneth Copeland, community leader, Rockford, Illinois; Ed McGarrell, MSU; and Heather Perez, MSU.

career at MPD, Mr. Woodmansee held numerous roles and ranks, including patrol officer; undercover narcotics officer; detective (13 years); member of a SWAT team (15 years); and commander (5 years). He has been involved in training police officers for more than 20 years at local, state, and national levels. His areas of expertise in training include police tactics, interview and interrogation, domestic abuse investigations, violent crime investigations, hostage negotiations, narcotics and gangs, police lineups, background investigations, search warrants, courtroom testifying, and community policing. While still a sworn officer, Mr. Woodmansee became a consultant for CNA and Booz Allen Hamilton. During this time, he provided technical assistance and training as a SME on strategies to reduce violent crime and on other police operations. Upon retiring as a police officer in 2016, he was hired by CNA as a senior advisor. He has written several articles and worked on numerous projects with police departments throughout the country.