



Talking Paper on the Community Support Program

Crime in Baltimore

There have been over 1,000 murders in Baltimore in the last 3 years. Thousands more have been shot and robbed. This takes an incredible toll on our city and our citizens and is unacceptable. Beyond the horrible personal toll of crime, the economic impact of crime on Baltimore is roughly \$3.8B per year or roughly \$6,300 for every Baltimore resident. This combined with the lack of trust in our police is hurting our community

Community Request

The Community With Solutions group is from the Penn North Area is asking the Baltimore leadership to support the return of the Community Support Program to Baltimore. We feel crime is out of control and has made the area unsafe to raise kids and families. We feel the Community Support Program shows great promise in being able to help reduce crime and to support the community in building accountability and trust with the police department and the community. The Community with Solutions group has hosted 10 community meetings where the Community Support Program has been presented and discussed. We are currently circulating and getting other endorsing organizations on a letter to Baltimore Leadership requesting that they support the return of the CSP program to Baltimore. Community with Solutions has been working with a large number of groups including members of the Baptist Ministers Conference, Derrick Chase with Stand up Baltimore, The Baltimore Homeless Advocate and many, many others and we appreciate their support.

Community Support Program

The Community Support Program is a service that is provided to the community and law enforcement. It aims to reduce crime in major cities by solving otherwise unsolvable crimes, enhancing deterrence to those who would commit crimes and by building trust between the community and the police department. It does this through the use of wide area motion imagery providing an unbiased witness to major events and crimes within the community. The service is provided as a turnkey capability from capturing the imagery through providing analysis for investigators and defense attorneys. This turnkey service was tested last year in Baltimore and was found to be effective by outside evaluators from the Police Foundation.

Community Support Program Objectives

Reduce crime within the community by 20-30 percent in the first year. Equates to 70-105 fewer murders, 1000's of shootings, and \$760 M to \$1.14B in reduced impact of crime on the city. Even a 10% decrease would equate to 35 fewer murders and \$380M in economic impact.

Solve otherwise unsolvable crimes and increasing the case closure rate. Provides closure to family members and the community about their loved ones. Removes repeat offenders earlier in their criminal career avoiding future shootings and murders

Significantly increase the deterrence of crime through enhanced public awareness of the program to deter people from committing crime within the city. It is better to deter crime than to have to solve it.

Build trust and accountability between the police and the community by providing an unbiased witness and imagery recording of controversial events. Provide independent review of police activities.

Support community members, public defenders, and defense attorneys by providing confidential information as to events and actions associated with defense cases, and information on police actions and statements.

Uses of Community Support Program Data and Analysis

Solve Unsolvable Major Crimes - Provides useful information when there are few or no witnesses to major crimes. Potential offenders tracked from reported crime scene forward and backwards in time to locations. Information provided to detectives to aid them in solving crimes. CSP typically observes 200 calls for service within the coverage area and investigates only the major reported crimes.

Support Defense Attorneys and Public Defenders - Data and extra analysis is available to defense attorneys and public defenders on a privileged basis and the information developed is not shared with prosecutors or investigators.

Unbiased Witness to Officers Actions - Provides potential oversight of officers and their actions when interacting with the public. Provide information on arrival and departure times and information on actions.

Strong Privacy Protections are in Place

Privacy program placed on contract and enforceable by city and company. Outlines the crimes that can and cannot be supported. Use is limited to investigation of major crimes, review of police actions, and support of defense attorneys and public defenders.

Only used to investigate major crimes reported by community and approved police investigations.

Resolution limited to one pixel per person by technology and design. Future cameras would cover larger area not higher resolution to see and solve more crime per day.

Trained analysts with oversight procedures in place. All viewed locations and tacks made are recorded and reviewable by oversight groups selected by City leadership. ACLU, DOJ Oversight team...

Crime Deterrence

It is always better to deter a crime than have to solve it. This saves 2 people - the Victim and the potential perpetrator.

A major part of the CSP program is to provide significant outreach/public awareness program prior to starting support. CWS wants to brief the high schools and at risk youth as part of enhanced deterrence program.

News media outreach support and periodic stories of success. CSP will fully support the open communication of the program and share openly with the press and the community what is done and how it's done as well as the program's effectiveness. This will enhance deterrence as the community understands that the system is contributing to solving many crimes.

Deterrence also works with the police as they also will know their actions can be independently reviewed.

Jobs and Employment Opportunities

Analysts drawn from the Community - Trained and employed. Usually younger adults with ability to play video games. The CSP provides an extensive training and oversight program. Teaches computer skills, communications skills, small group leadership skills, power point, and investigation processes.

DoD Analyst Job Pipeline - The CSP becomes a pipeline for DoD intel analyst jobs. The CSP provides the training and experience to qualify for DoD intel analyst positions at Ft Meade and defense contactors in the Baltimore /Ft Meade area. CSP is partnered with local 8A firm to provide qualified intel analysts to their \$100M plus contract. The CSP typically loses their analysts to much higher paying DoD positions after a couple years when they have the experience required for those positions. The CSP then hires and trains more analysts from the community.

Local Jobs - Crime is a major deterrent to economic development. Crime impacts business and housing prices. A decrease in crime in the area would result in lowering the crime discount on housing prices in the area. With rising house prices more people invest in their houses and hire local painters, plasterers and carpenters which are many of the jobs unemployed people from the community can do. More businesses would find it desirable to service the area hiring additional people. Reducing crime is a key factor in improving the community job market.

Contracting Process

The contracting process is very simple through existing government contracts. The CSP program is available through a Government Services Administration contract available to all US cities and law enforcement organizations.

Program Costs

The service has been offered to Baltimore at very reduced rate to assist the city with its crime problem. Cost of the service for Baltimore is \$1.63M per year or \$135,000 per month or less than the cost of a police helicopter per month. Includes all aspects of the effort including the plane, all equipment, the analysis, and support for prosecution and defense attorneys.

This service is available at no cost to the city. A wealthy donor has previously offered to provide funding support for Baltimore for an extended period of operations and evaluation. That donor has previously expressed willingness to support the effort and to provide the resources required. With a decision to proceed that donor would be asked to support the effort.

Potential Schedule

The CSP program can start and have an impact quickly. Local training of analysts can start within a month as well as media and community briefings. Flight Operations can start as early as 2 months as soon as local analysts are trained and certified. This program can have a quick and meaningful impact.

A copy of a Community Support Program briefing that has been presented at 10 community meetings is available at the communitywithsolutions.com webpage along with videos of some of the meetings and demonstrations of the system and how it can help solve crime and provide oversight of the police actions.

This information is provided by the Community With Solutions which is trying to assist the city by finding solutions that help reduce crime and make the city a better place to live and raise our families.

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