



Core Elements of Setting up a Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC)

Identify Your Mission. For many agencies it might be to simply “Identify and Stop Criminal Shooters.” Keep in mind, a larger percentage of shooters are juveniles.

Ensure Support from Top to Bottom and Bottom to Top. Everyone involved has to know that this is the focus and shooting a gun in your jurisdiction will be treated as a priority and no longer tolerated.

No single strategy is absolute. There is no magic bullet for gun violence reduction. All the strategies/technology form a layered approach that has to be evaluated on a **daily basis** for the best response.

Identify Your Team. This will be a collaborative team from many agencies. Having great investigators that can work well with others is key. For example, the Denver CGIC is a collaborative effort between ATF, local police departments, the crime laboratory, probation and parole, police gang units, prosecuting attorneys, U.S. Attorney’s Office, crime analysts, community groups, and academic organizations.

Leverage Technology. ShotSpotter and NIBIN are the key technologies that allow you to quickly identify a criminal shooter. Only around 10-20% of all shots fired are reported to law enforcement. Utilizing ShotSpotter permits agencies to respond to all shooting incidents quickly and accurately. This allows agencies to then locate victims, suspects, witnesses and, importantly, evidence. This ballistic evidence can then be entered into NIBIN, so links can be established and suspects identified. NIBIN must function in real time to allow investigators to identify the Shooters.

Assign Dedicated Resources. Establish an investigative team to handle leads from ShotSpotter and NIBIN. It is common for NIBIN to link multiple shootings that cross police districts and/or cities. CGIC partners, both police and prosecutors, investigate and coordinate efforts to pursue the immediate identification and arrest / disruption of serial shooters before they commit their next shooting.

Use Forensic-Led Policing to Drive Investigation and Prioritize Prosecutions. The CGIC approach is unique because it utilizes technology to focus law enforcement investigations and ultimately state/federal prosecutions on the most violent, armed offenders. Investigations and prosecutions are based on the acts of violence perpetrated by criminals who merit the full scrutiny of the criminal justice system.

Develop a Feedback Loop. Change is always hard, but to drive the change, positive feedback is critical, so everyone knows they are part of a successful process. From Patrol to NIBIN to Investigations and finally Prosecution. Everything in the CGIC is connected and relies on complete process.

Establish Policies and Processes and Maintain Partnerships. Policies and processes are established to ensure everyone involved knows their roles and responsibilities. Key strategic and tactical stakeholders are identified and resources committed based on shared priorities and formalized by memorandums of understanding (MOUs).