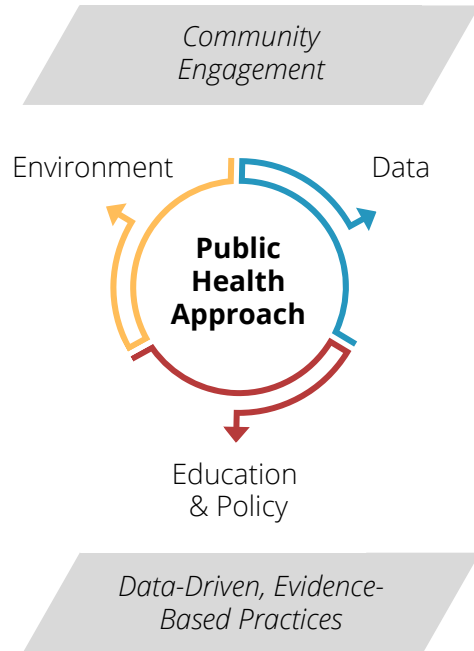


GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION TEAM

# Executive Summary

for the Strategic Plan  
June 2022

## Framework



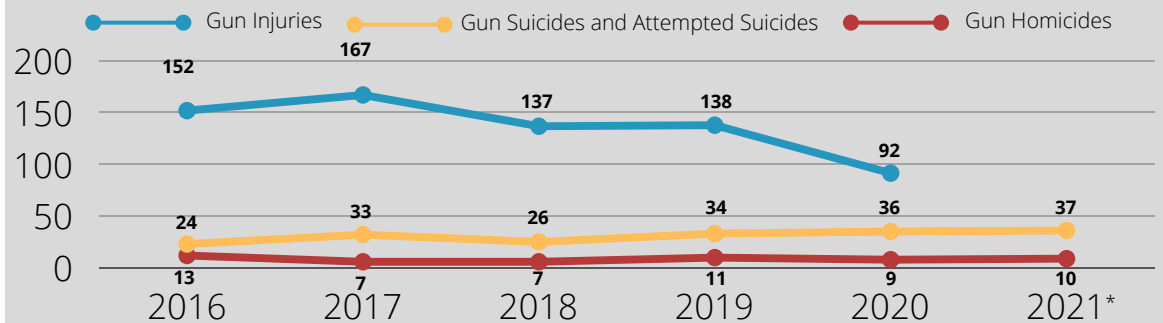
## Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT)

### Background

Gun violence is a public health issue on the national forefront with more than 20,000 gun deaths reported in the United States in 2021. Anne Arundel County is not immune. In 2021 alone, the county lost 10 lives to gun homicide and 33 lives to suicide by firearm. Almost 100 individuals visited county hospitals after suffering from a gun injury.

The Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT) formed in mid-2020 under the leadership of the Department of Health to address gun violence using a public health approach. The GVIT is a multi-agency coalition of city and county leaders. Through collaborative meetings and coordinated workgroup efforts with stakeholders and community members, the GVIT is implementing evidence-based, data driven strategies to prevent and reduce gun injuries and deaths in Anne Arundel County.

### GUN FATALITIES AND INJURIES PER YEAR IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY



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Sources: Anne Arundel County and Annapolis City Police Department incident reports (2016-2021), Health Services Cost Review Commission Outpatient Discharge and Inpatient Admissions data files (2016-2020).

\*Gun injury data is available through 2020.

The majority of all gun fatalities in the county are **GUN SUICIDES**, each year on average.

For every one fatality, **THREE INDIVIDUALS** suffer from a gun injury in the county, each year on average.

Many gun homicide victims are **TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS**, each year on average.

# GVIT Strategic Plan

## Vision

A county community where all residents are safe from gun violence.

## Mission

Prevent and reduce gun-related injuries and deaths in Anne Arundel County.

## Goals & Strategies

### GOAL 1

Lead and coordinate gun violence interventions in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

- A. Address gun violence as a public health crisis.
- B. Establish a collaborative body of government and non-government agencies to coordinate and implement gun violence initiatives in the county.

C. Participate in national gun safety associations and conferences.

D. Develop a communication strategy to share gun violence intervention messaging, events, and progress.

### GOAL 2

Monitor and advance evidence-based gun laws.

- A. Support requirements and restrictions for individuals to purchase a gun.
- B. Support temporary and permanent prohibitions for individuals to possess a gun.
- C. Support gun safe storage policies.

### GOAL 3

Prevent gun violence through education and public awareness.

- A. Launch an educational campaign to increase public awareness about gun violence and safety.
- B. Promote gun safety resources, training and services.
- C. Engage credible messengers to promote firearm safety.

### GOAL 4

Collect and report data on gun-related incidents, injuries and deaths.

- A. Gather data to track county gun violence trends.
- B. Collect additional data from local, state and national sources.
- C. Disseminate data to inform and guide intervention activities.

### GOAL 5

Disrupt cycles of community violence through engagement with community members and partners.

- A. Involve community members in gun violence intervention efforts.
- B. Implement evidence-based focused deterrence strategies to prevent and reduce gun violence.
- C. Consider social determinants, contributing factors, and inequities of local gun violence.

### GOAL 6

Coordinate a response process to support victims of gun violence.

- A. Establish immediate and long-term response protocols for gun violence incidents.
- B. Integrate trauma-informed care principles into reporting and follow-up protocols.

### Community Resource Toolkits

Suicide Prevention Toolkit



Youth Gun Safety Toolkit

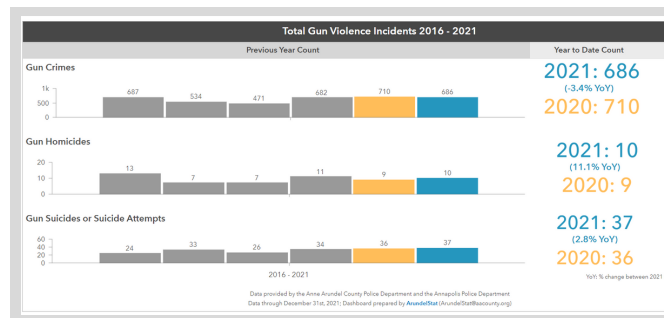


Domestic Violence Toolkit



Gun Ownership Toolkit

### Data Dashboards



### Community Meetings



Wear Orange 2022



Quarterly Community Meeting