



901 B.L.O.C. Squad

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# History

- ▶ 901 B.L.O.C. Squad was founded in the fall of 2012 to assist in decreasing youth gun violence in select target areas of the great city of Memphis by 20% and city-wide by 10% annually.
- ▶ The mission of 901 B.L.O.C. Squad is to reduce gun violence in the City of Memphis by equipping, empowering, and bridging the gaps of at-risk youth and their families.





# Target Areas and Population

## Target Areas:

- ▶ South Memphis (38126), Frayser (38127), Orange Mound (38114), Whitehaven (38116), Binghampton (38111), Raleigh (38128), North Memphis (38107), and Riverside (38109)

## Target Population:

- ▶ High-risk individuals ages 13-35 years old.
- ▶ Justice involved, victims, or perpetrators of gun violence.

# 901 B.L.O.C. Squad Programs

- ▶ Safe Passage
- ▶ Community Outreach
- ▶ Street Intervention
- ▶ Mentorship
- ▶ Developmental Programs  
(Workforce development)

# 901 B.L.O.C. Squad's Approach:

Respond to shooting incidents and reduce the likelihood of retaliation and to engage with individuals in the hospital with our Hospital Violence Intervention Program.

Understand and respond to conditions in neighborhoods that are on the tipping point of violence and conduct shuttle diplomacy to prevent a violent incident from occurring by using Street Intervention and Safe Passage.

Identifying and refer to case management services connecting the most high-risk young men and women to resources.

Collaborate with other organization within the community.

# 901 B.L.O.C. Squad's Approach:

Community Meetings: 901 B.L.O.C. Squad, police officers, faith-based leaders, and others will meet to discuss violence in the community to shooting.

Youth Round Tables: Youth and adults meet to discuss gun violence, influence positive change, and create a network of youth advocates to promote and build positive leadership.

Mentoring: Connect youth/adults with positive mentors to support them as they meet weekly three times a week.

Case loads: Full-time staff will carry a caseload of 15 to 20 clients and part-time staff 8-10 clients.

Build a License to Operate (L.T.O.)

# 901 B.L.O.C. Squad Outcomes:

- ▶ Reduce violence by 20% in our target areas and 10% city-wide.
- ▶ Reduced likelihood of youth and young adults engaging in violence, victimization, or justice involvement through consistent mentoring, intervention, and community presence.
- ▶ Reduced community tensions in high priority neighborhoods through daily canvassing and outreach.
- ▶ Increase connection to mental health, employment, and social services, and improve conflict resolution and emotional regulation skills for our clients.

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