



Project Next Step

April Corbett, Program Coordinator

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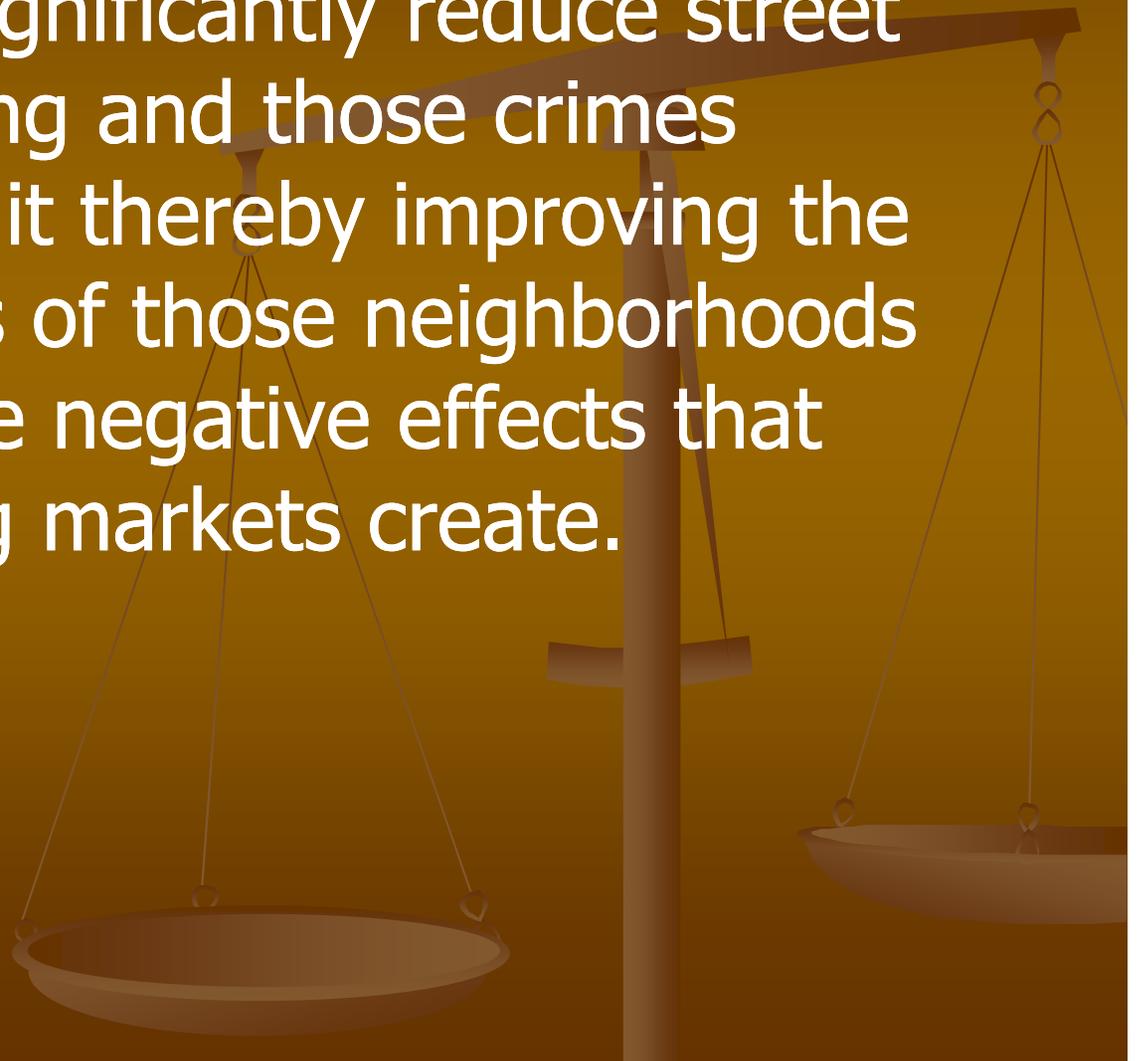
Lt. William Chrismon, Division Commander

Timeline of Events

- October 2007,
■ November 2007, Chief identifies unique program for Washington
Chief Reed and Lt. Chrismon travel to High
Point for research.
- Early 2008, Council authorizes and offers support for
Project Next Step.
- June 2008, City is awarded grant and undercover
operations start.
- November 2008,
■ March 2008, April Corbett is hired as Program Coordinator,
Assistant District Atty. Signs off on potential
candidates.
- April 1-3, 2008, Round up of any and all offenders in area,
over 200 criminal charges
- April 4th 2009 Call-in occurs and 5 candidates are given
options.
- April 7th 2009, All participants accept offer and join Project.

OUR PLAN

Our plan is to significantly reduce street level drug dealing and those crimes associated with it thereby improving the living conditions of those neighborhoods experiencing the negative effects that street level drug markets create.



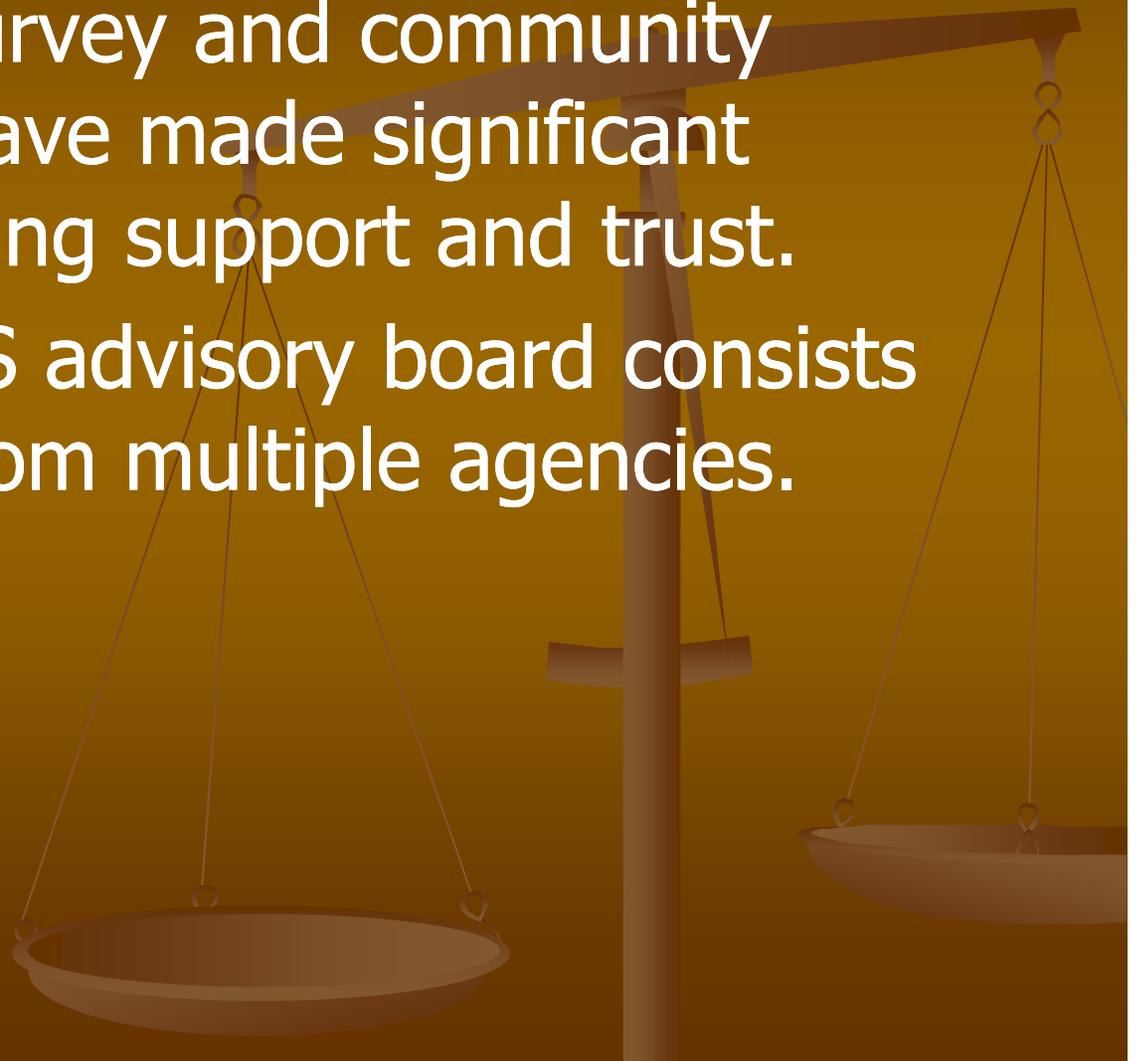
Goals of PNS

1. Rebuild community support and trust
2. Individual



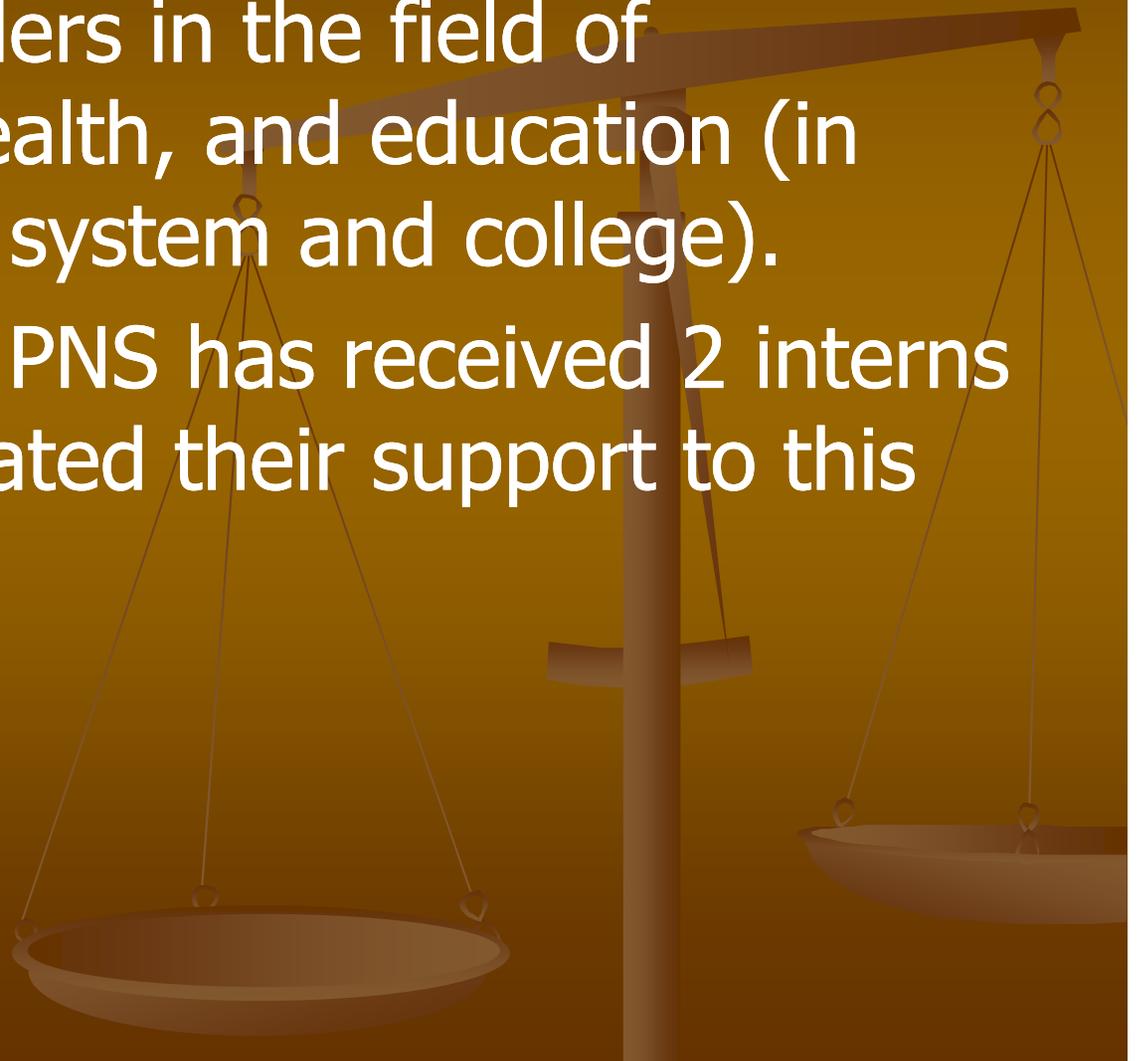
Community

- Based on the survey and community meetings, we have made significant progress of raising support and trust.
- The current PNS advisory board consists of individuals from multiple agencies.



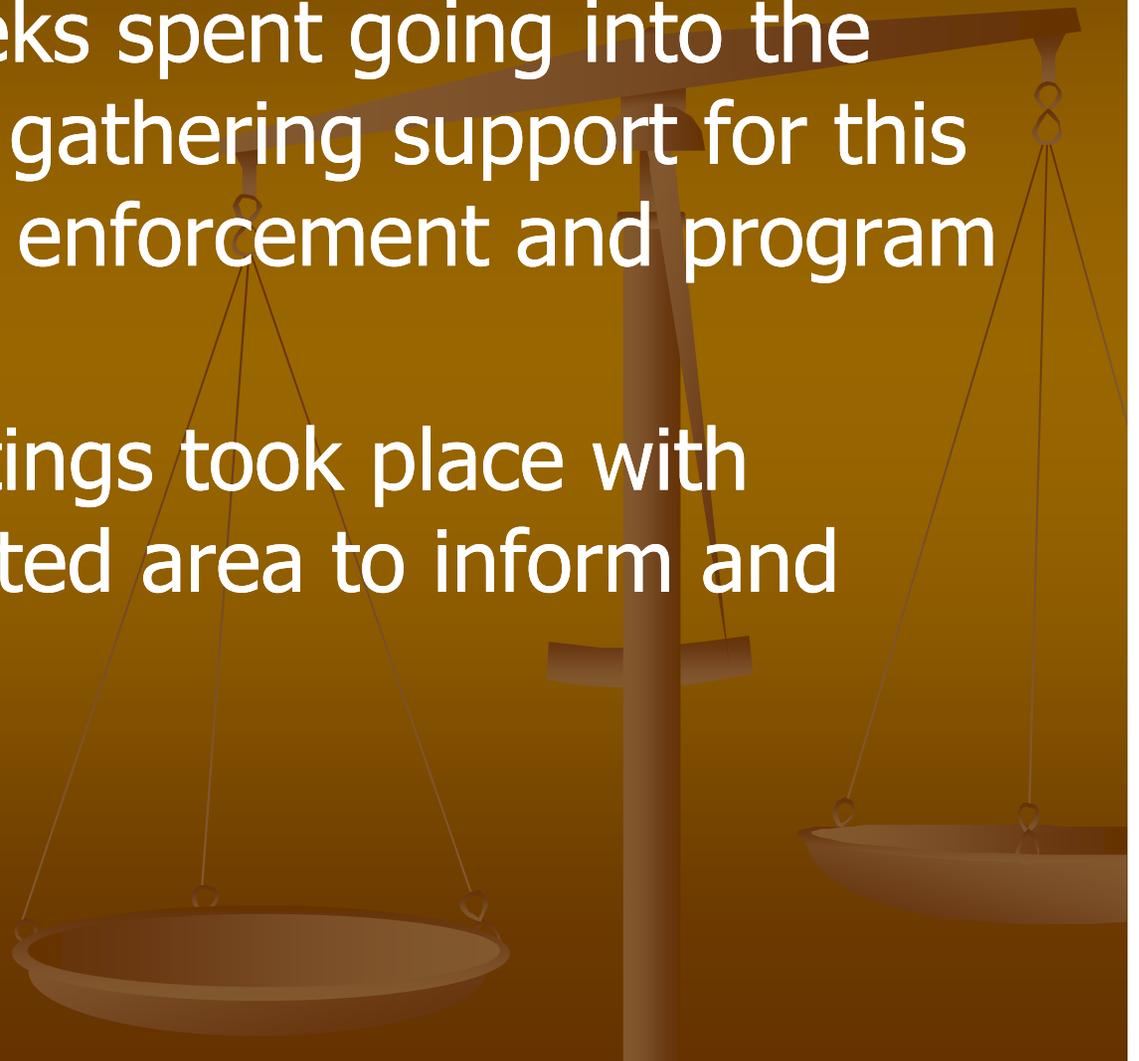
Next Step Advisory Board

- Made up of leaders in the field of employment, health, and education (in both the school system and college).
- Thanks to ECU, PNS has received 2 interns that have dedicated their support to this program



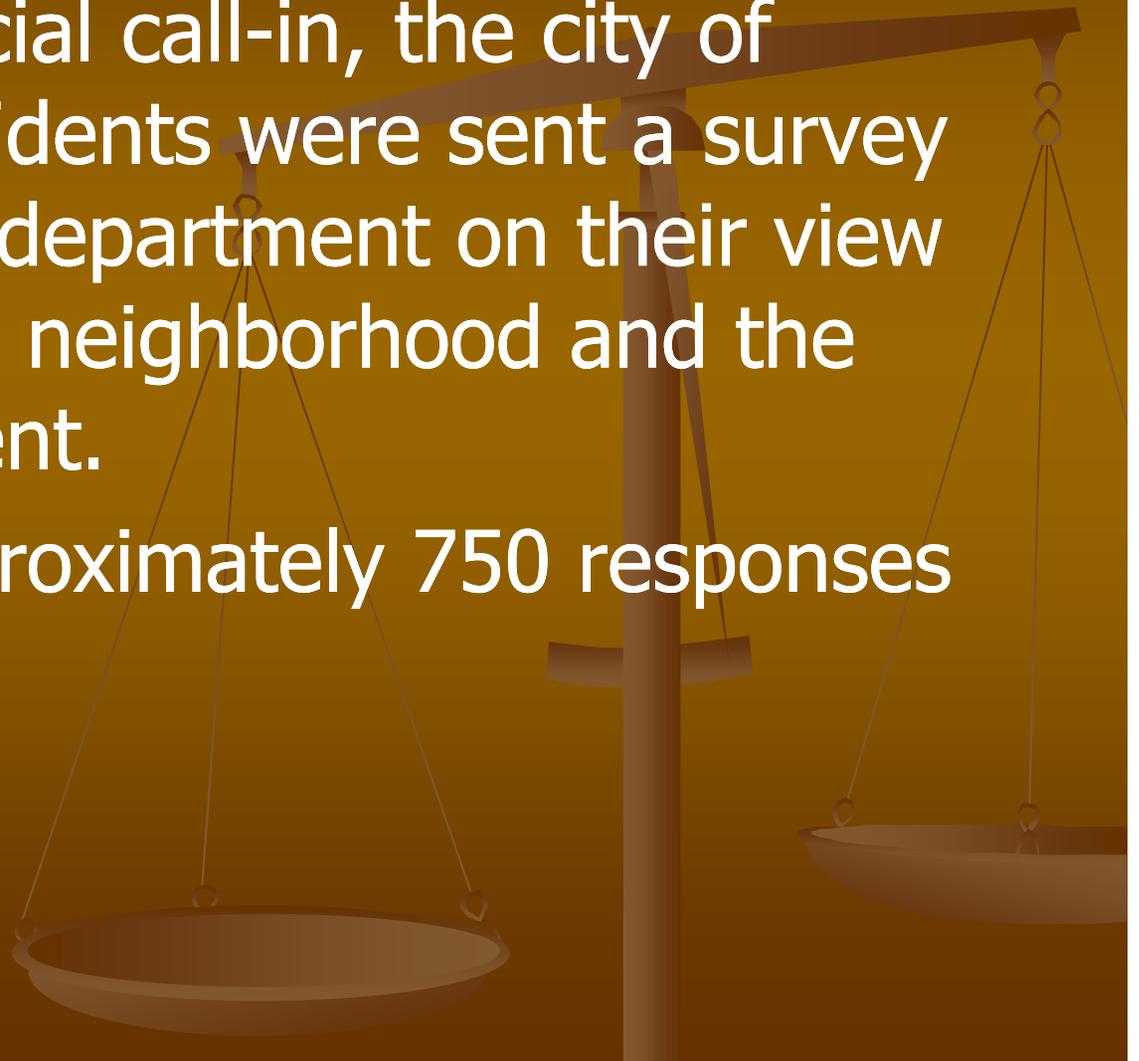
Prior to Call-in

- There were weeks spent going into the community and gathering support for this program by law enforcement and program coordinator.
- Numerous meetings took place with citizens in targeted area to inform and seek support.

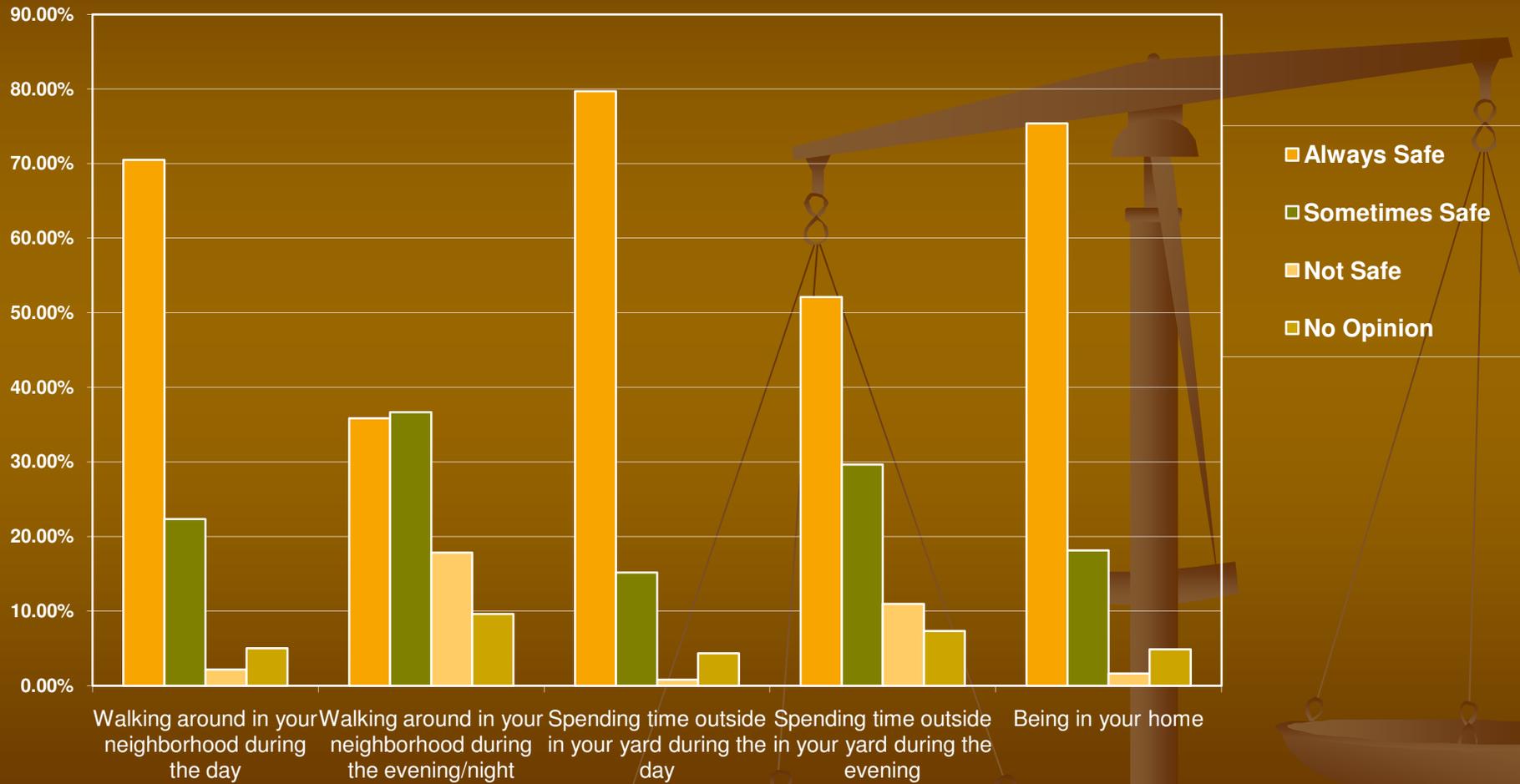


Survey

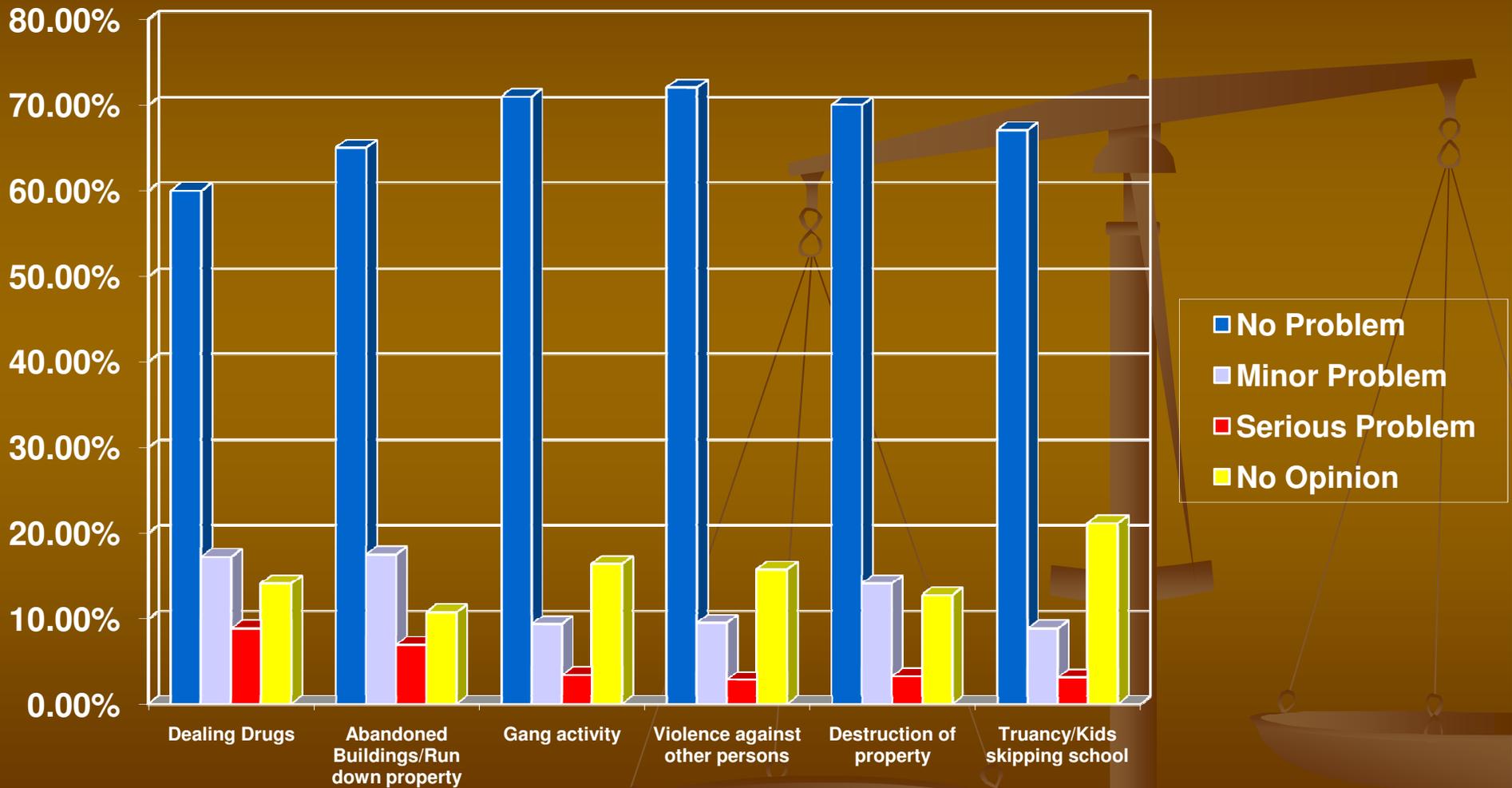
- Prior to the official call-in, the city of Washington residents were sent a survey from the police department on their view of crime in their neighborhood and the police department.
- There were approximately 750 responses to the survey.



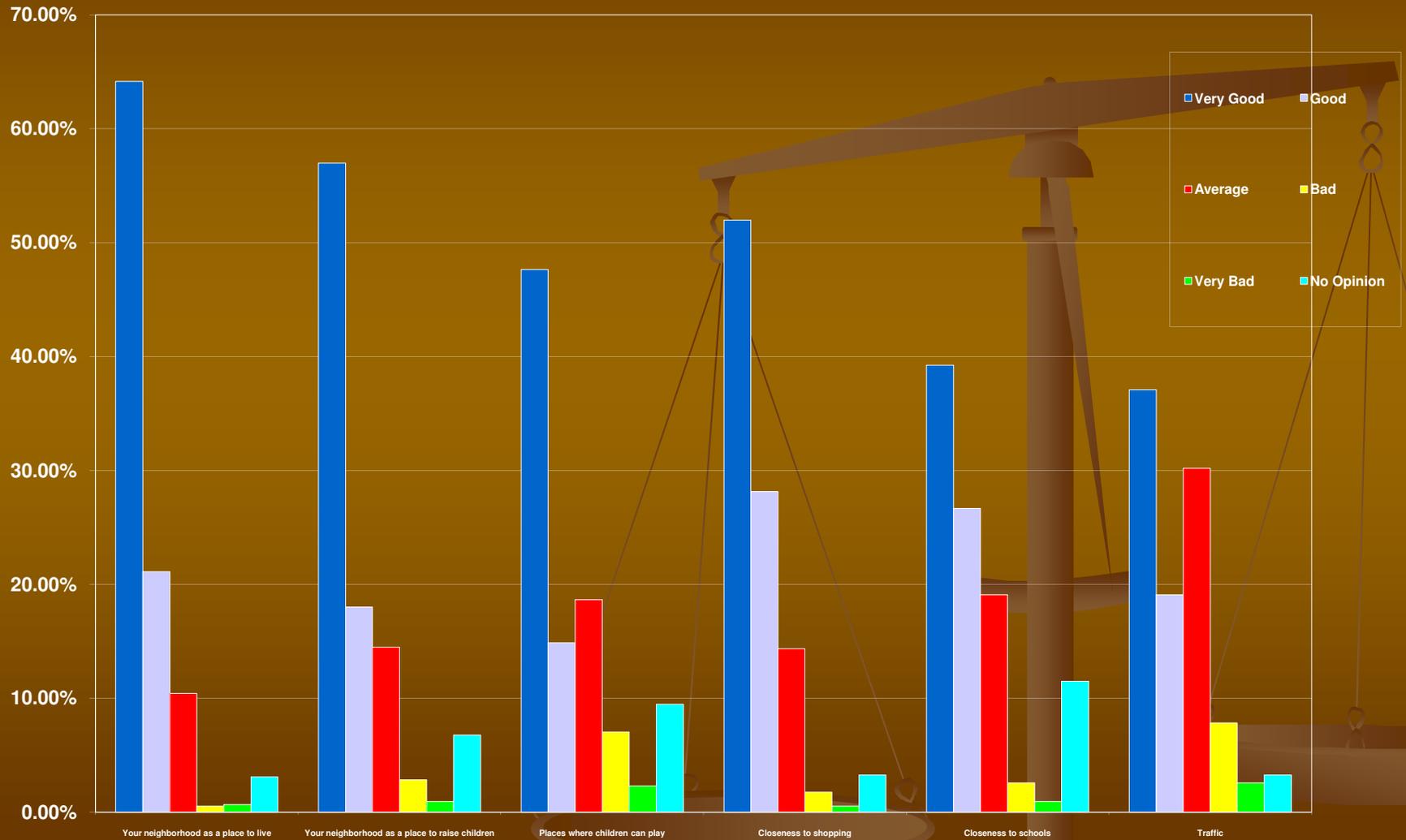
Survey Results: Crime



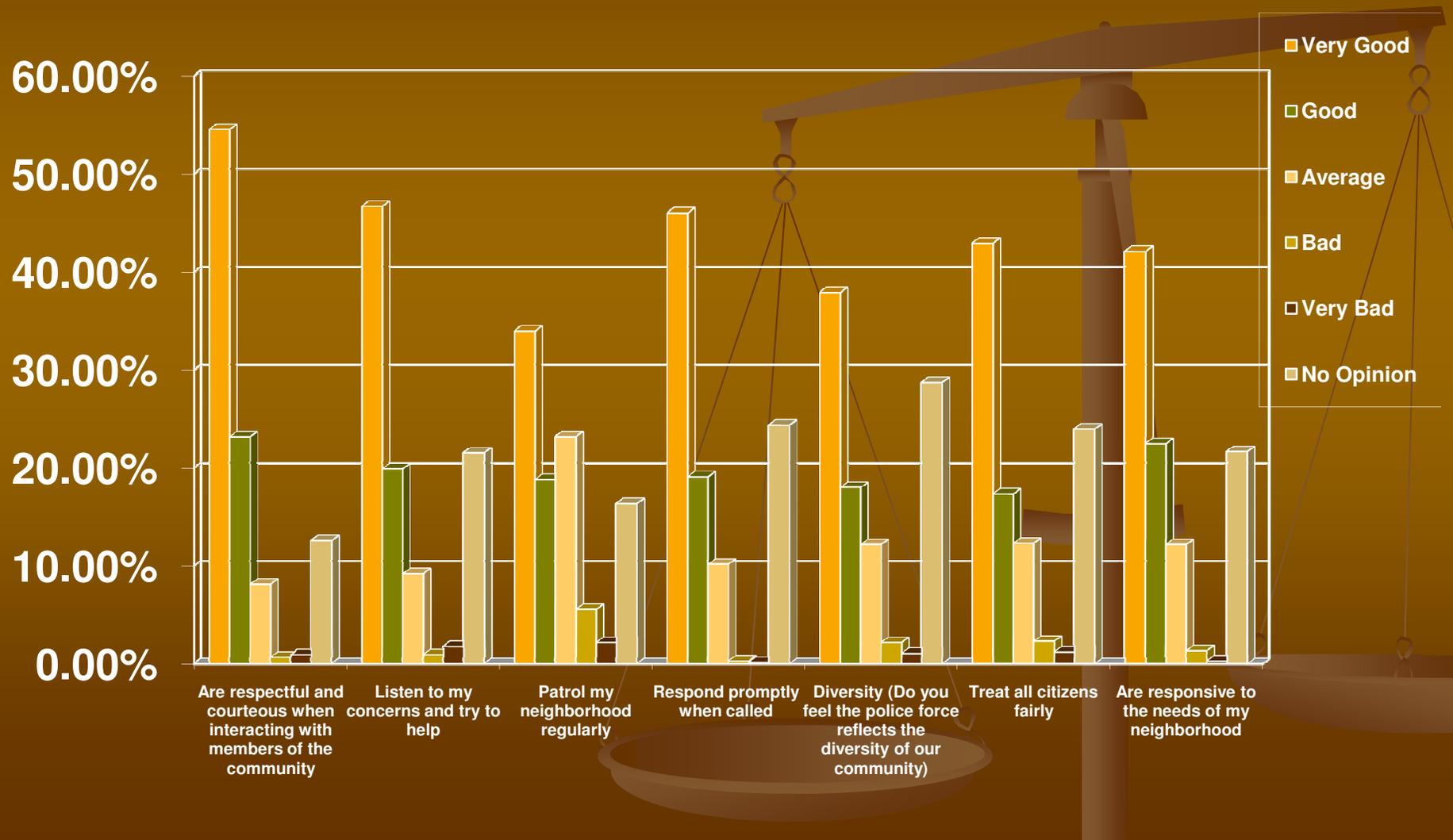
Survey Results: Criminal Activity



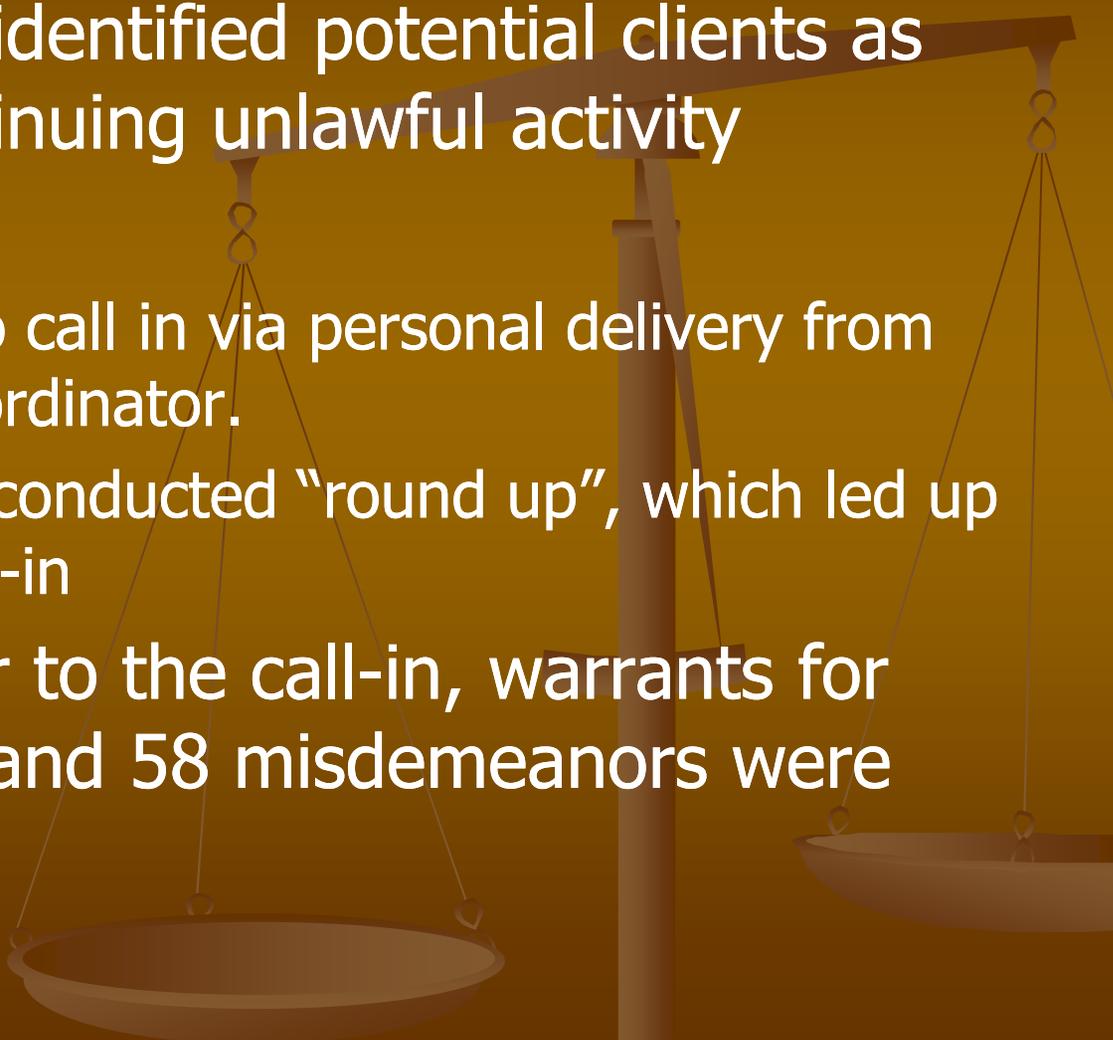
Survey Results: Neighborhood



Survey Results: Police

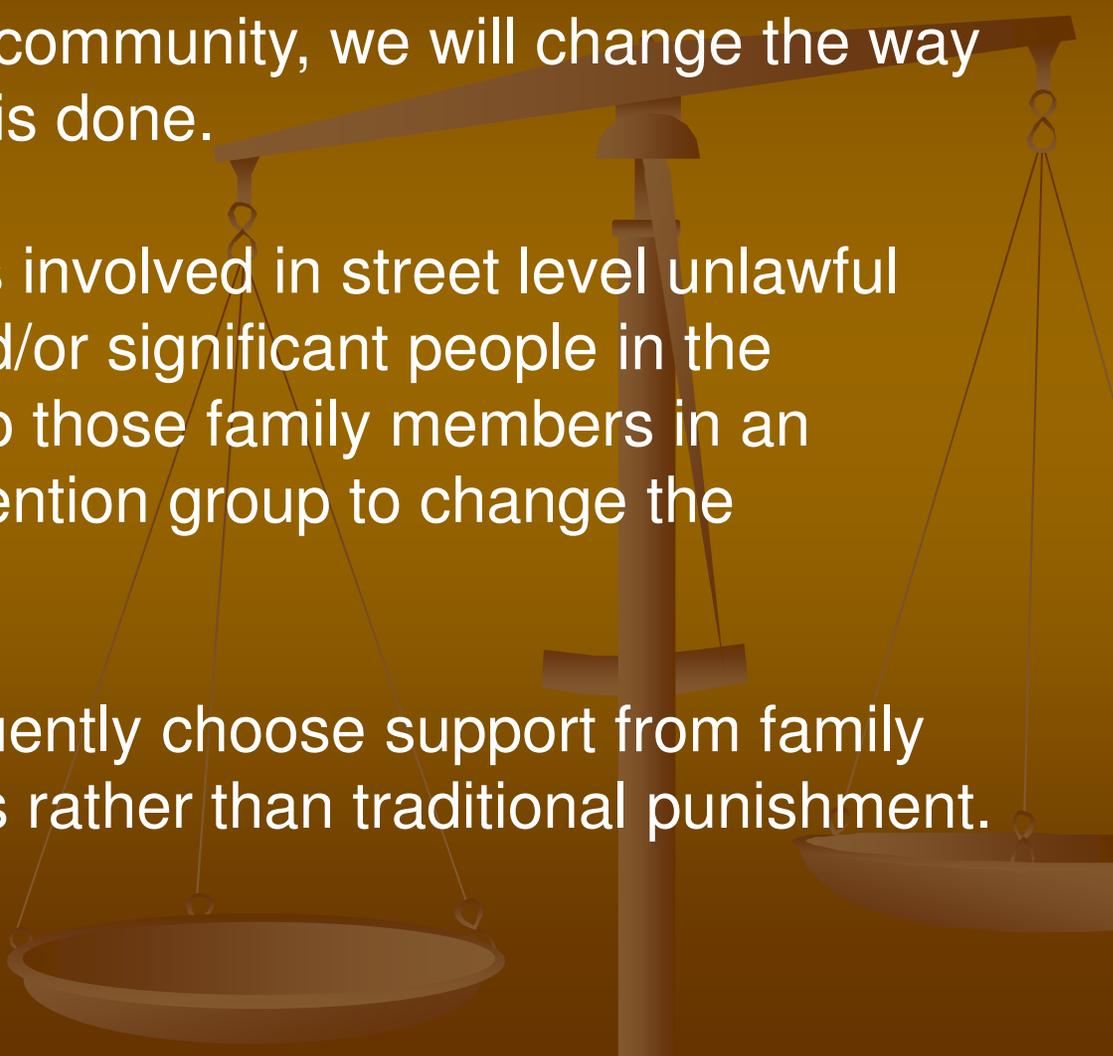


Individual



- Law enforcement identified potential clients as well as those continuing unlawful activity
- Phase 2
 - Invited 5 clients to call in via personal delivery from Chief, LT, and Coordinator.
 - Law enforcement conducted "round up", which led up to the April 4th call-in
- In the 3 days prior to the call-in, warrants for over 144 felonies and 58 misdemeanors were served.

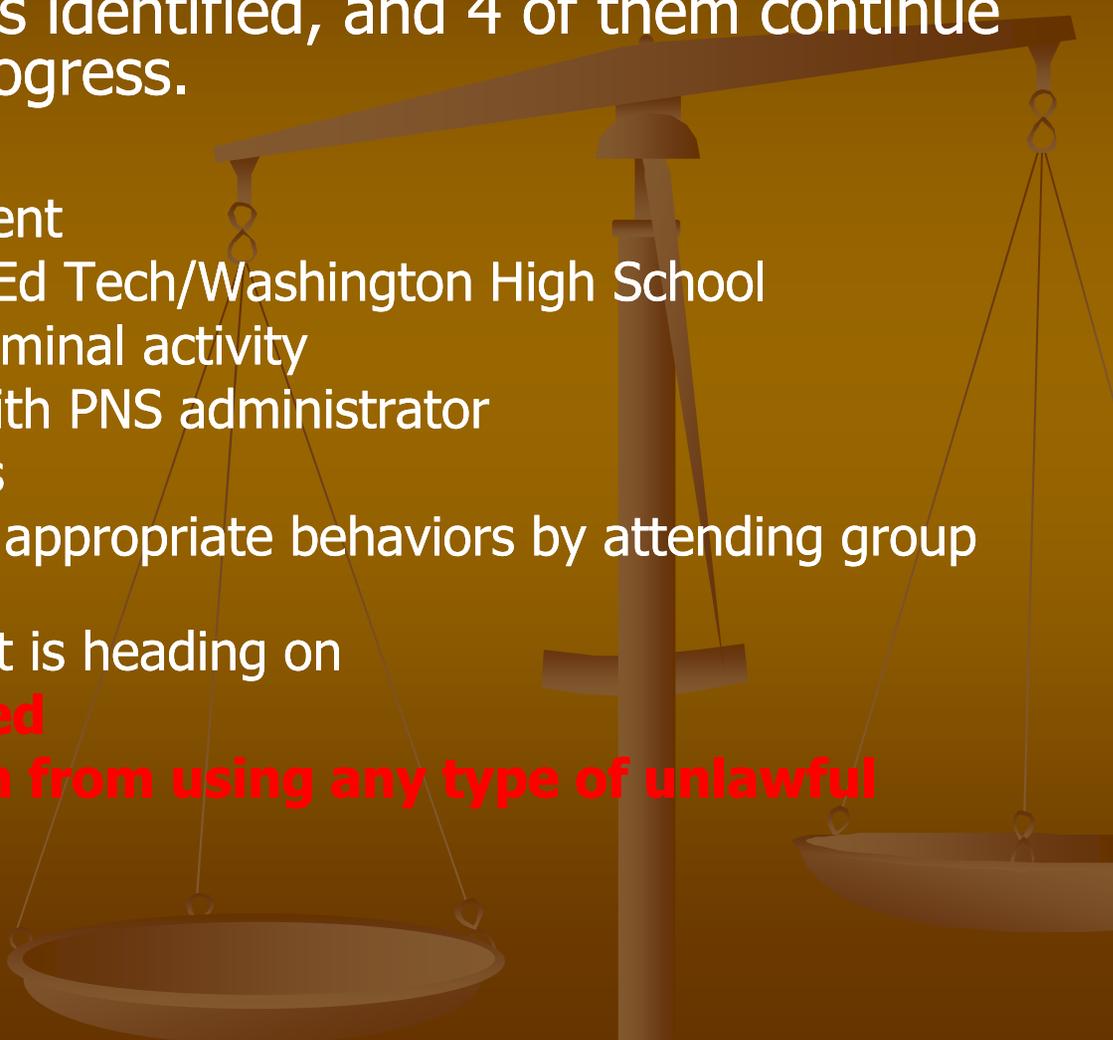
HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE THE PLAN

- Working with police and community, we will change the way conventional police work is done.
 - We will identify offenders involved in street level unlawful activity, identify family and/or significant people in the offenders life, reach out to those family members in an attempt to build an intervention group to change the offenders behavior.
 - An offender can subsequently choose support from family and community resources rather than traditional punishment.
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On April 4th, 2009 at 10:00 am, identified offenders and their families were invited to the Washington Housing Authority 9th Street office to meet. Also in attendance were community leaders, civic leaders, housing authority leaders, and concerned citizens. There was a clear desire to end street level drug markets in the neighborhood and offer support and resources for those who are engaged in this behavior.

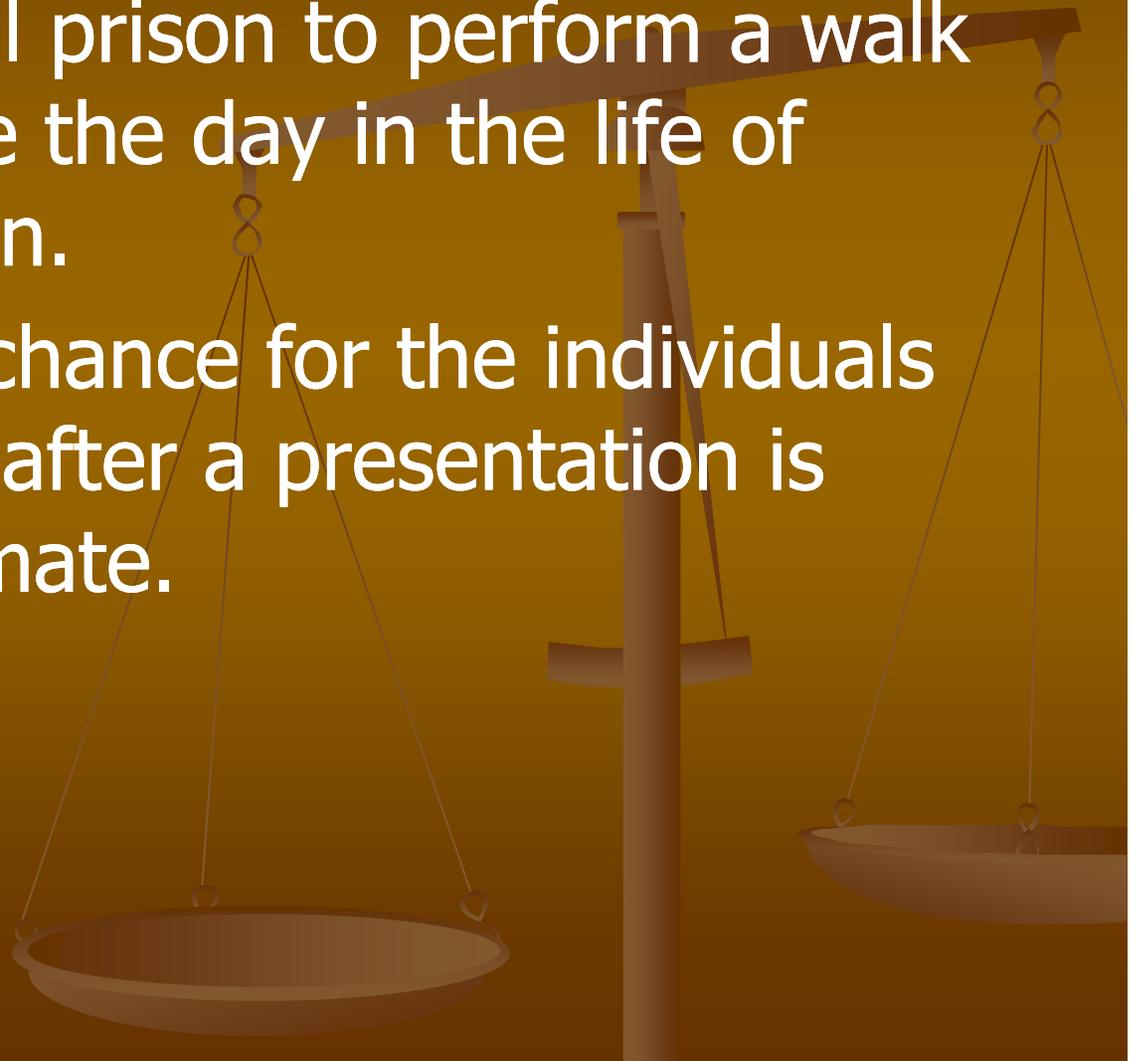


Participants

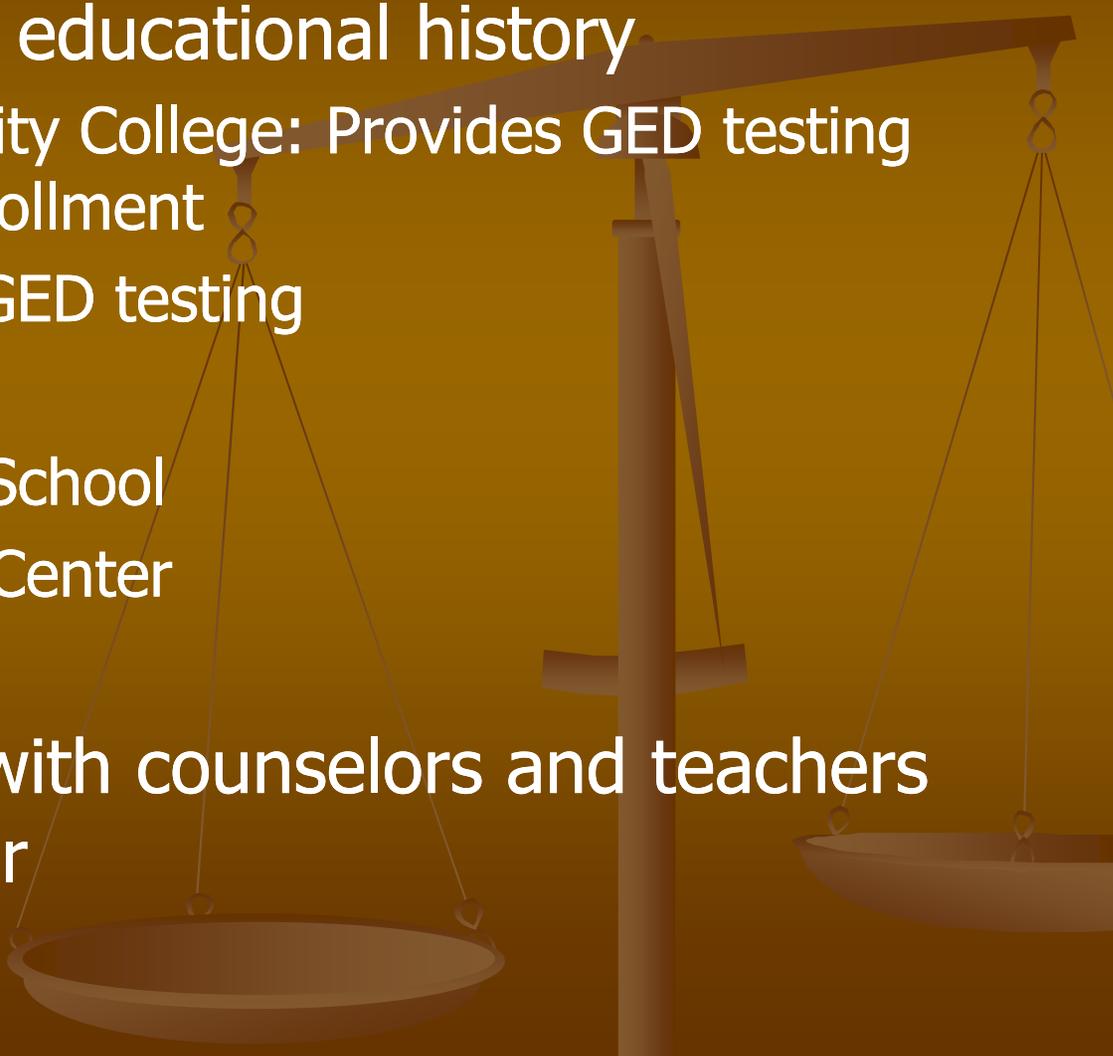
- There were 5 clients identified, and 4 of them continue to show positive progress.
 - Program Criteria:
 - To obtain employment
 - Continue to attend Ed Tech/Washington High School
 - Refrain from any criminal activity
 - Constant Contact with PNS administrator
 - Work on social skills
 - To increase socially appropriate behaviors by attending group sessions
 - See what path client is heading on
 - **Curfew established**
 - **Client is to refrain from using any type of unlawful activity**
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Step 1: Prison Visit

- Clients visit local prison to perform a walk through and see the day in the life of inmates in prison.
- There is also a chance for the individuals to ask question after a presentation is given by the inmate.

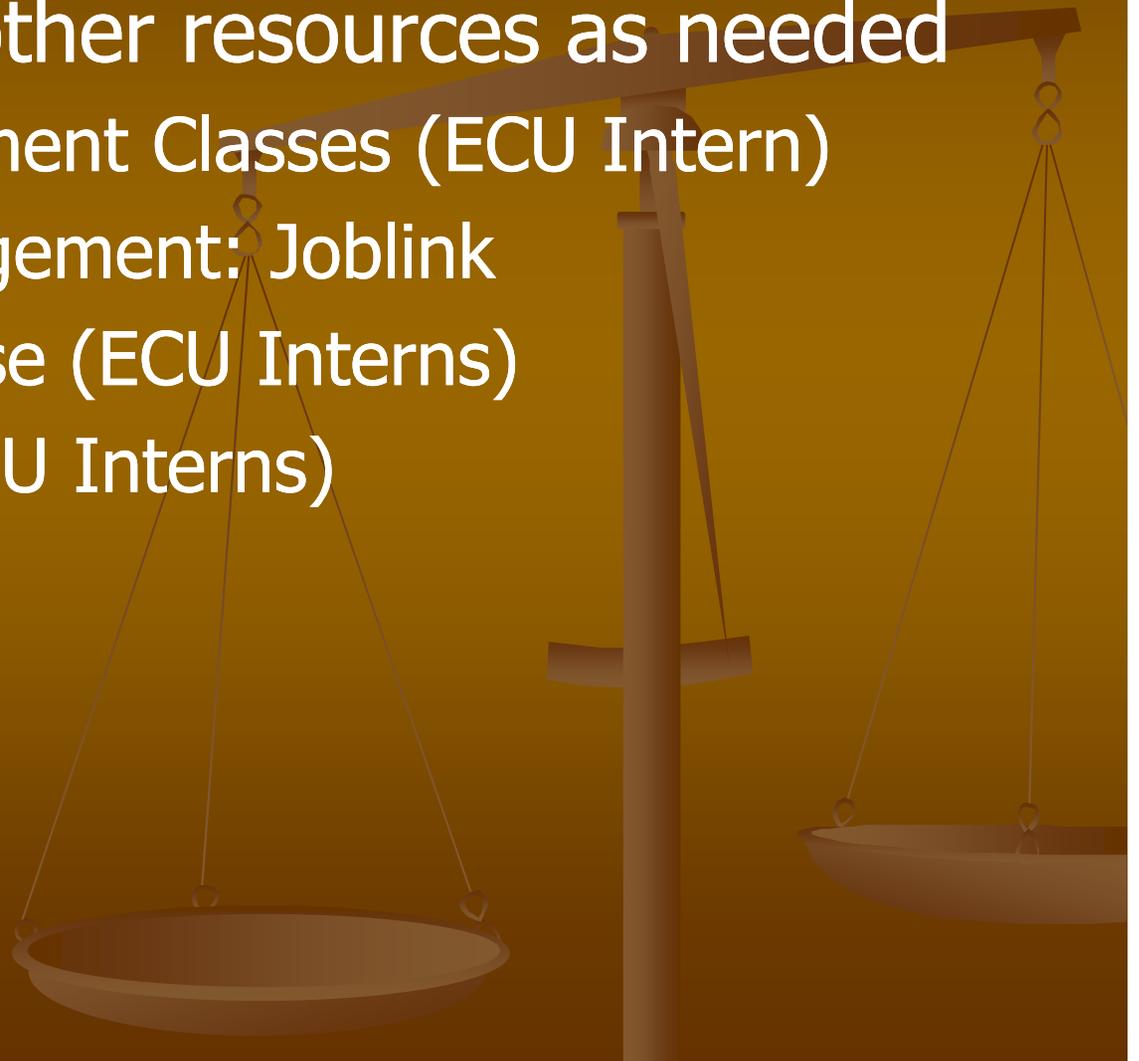


Step 2: Education

- Gather the client's educational history
 - Beaufort Community College: Provides GED testing and/or college enrollment
 - Joblink: provides GED testing
 - Project New Hope
 - Washington High School
 - Beaufort Ed Tech Center
 - Other Resources
 - Constant contact with counselors and teachers by PNS coordinator
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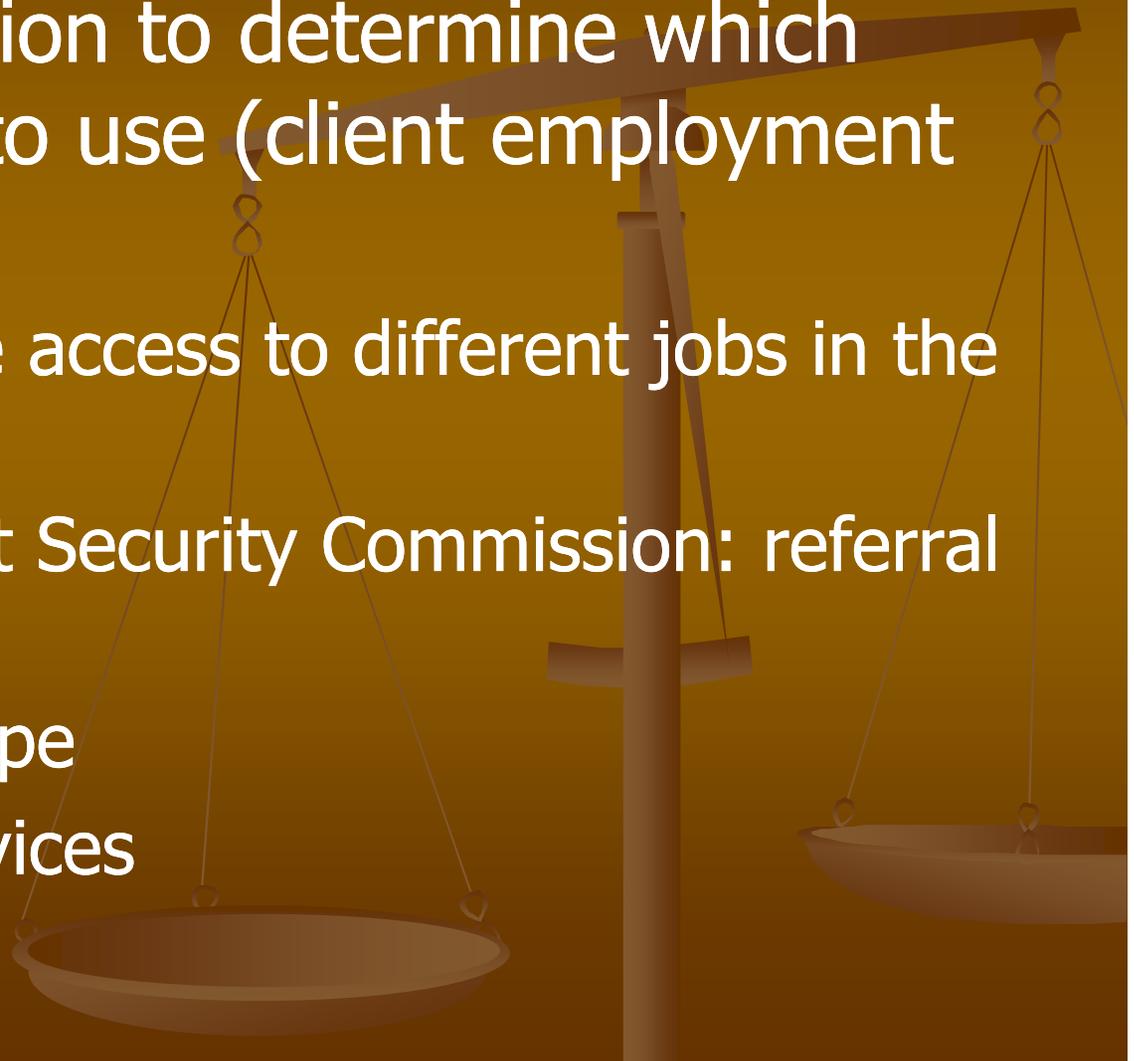
Step 3: Life Skills

- Refer client to other resources as needed
 - Anger Management Classes (ECU Intern)
 - Financial Management: Joblink
 - Substance Abuse (ECU Interns)
 - Social Skills (ECU Interns)



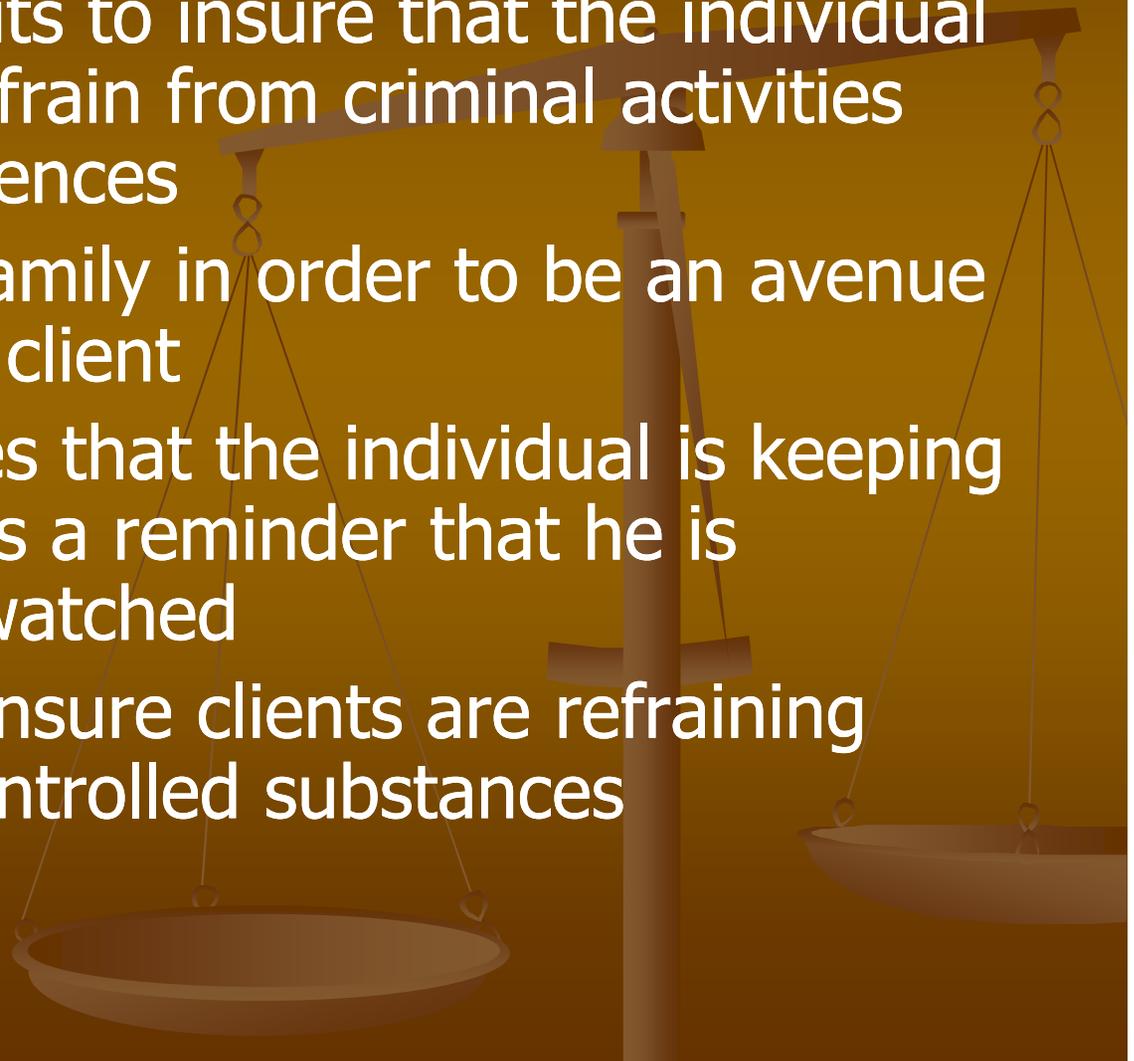
Step 4: Employment

- Gather information to determine which referral source to use (client employment goals)
 - Joblink: provide access to different jobs in the community
 - NC Employment Security Commission: referral source
 - Project New Hope
 - Temporary Services



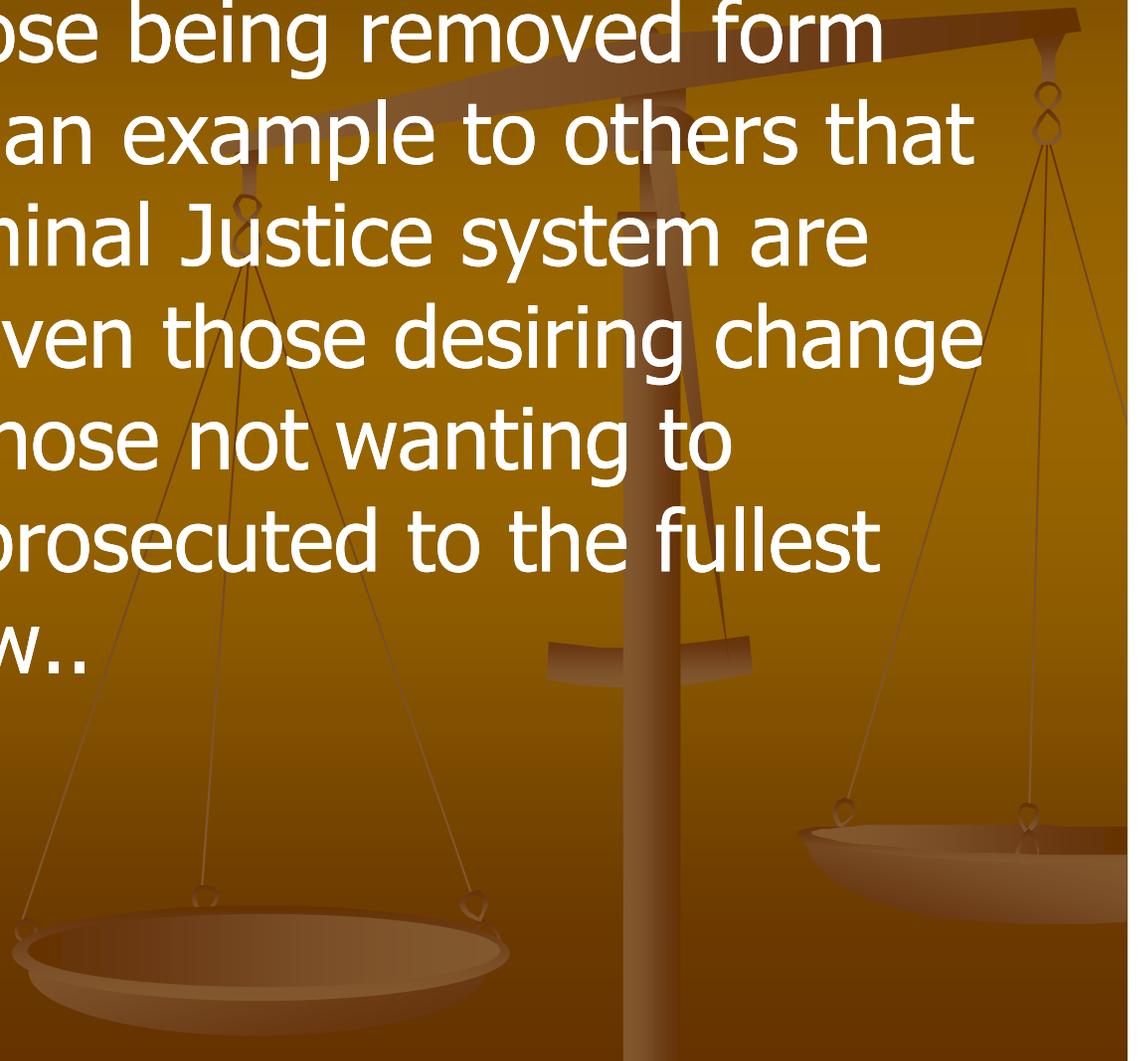
Home/Work Visits

- Conduct home visits to insure that the individual is continuing to refrain from criminal activities and negative influences
- Get to know the family in order to be an avenue of support for the client
- Work visits ensures that the individual is keeping employment and is a reminder that he is constantly being watched
- Urine Testing to ensure clients are refraining from using any controlled substances



Failure to Participate

- Will result in those being removed from the program as an example to others that we and the Criminal Justice system are serious about given those desiring change a chance, and those not wanting to change will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law..



Community

- The statistics are showing that we have made significant progress through the Police Department and Project Next Step.



Part I Offenses *

Jan. 1, 2008 - June 8, 2008 vs. Jan. 1, 2009 - June 8, 2009

<u>2008 PART I OFFENSES</u>		<u>2009 PART I OFFENSES</u>		<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>%</u>
0100-Homicide	0	0110- Homicide	0	0	0%
0200- Rape	1	0200-Rape	1	0	0%
0300-Robbery	16	0300-Robbery	7	-9	-55%
0400-Aggravated Assault	41	0400-Aggravated Assault	27	-14	-32%
0500-Burglary	76	0500-Burglary	56	-20	-12%
0600-Larceny	225	0600-Larceny	198	-27	-30%
0700-M/V Theft	10	0700-M/V Theft	7	-3	-30%
0900- Arson	3	0900-Arson	1	-2	-67%
Total	372	Total	297	-75	-28%

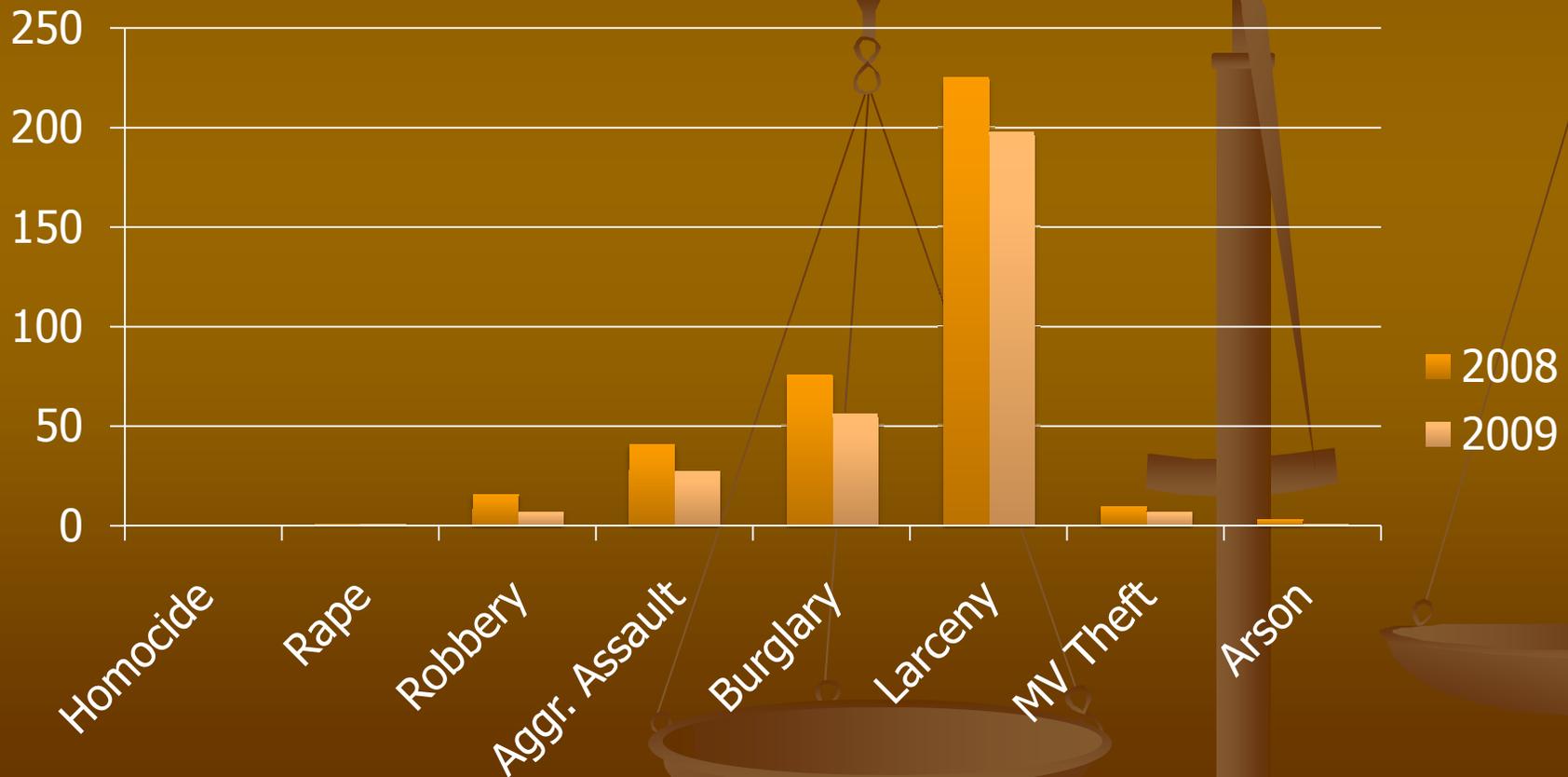
*Data Source: WPD Records Management System

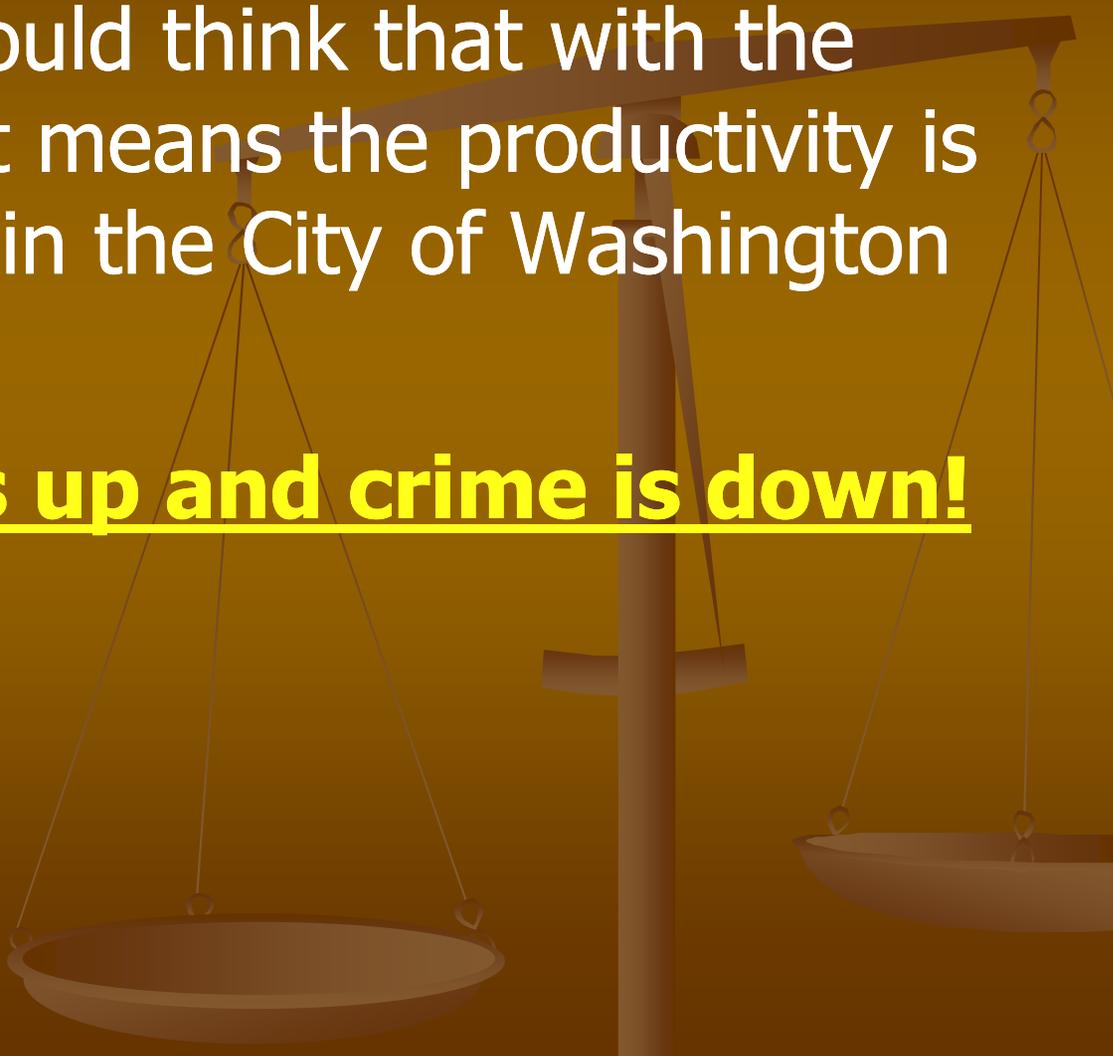
Part I Offences Comparison

Jan. 1, 2008 - June 8, 2008

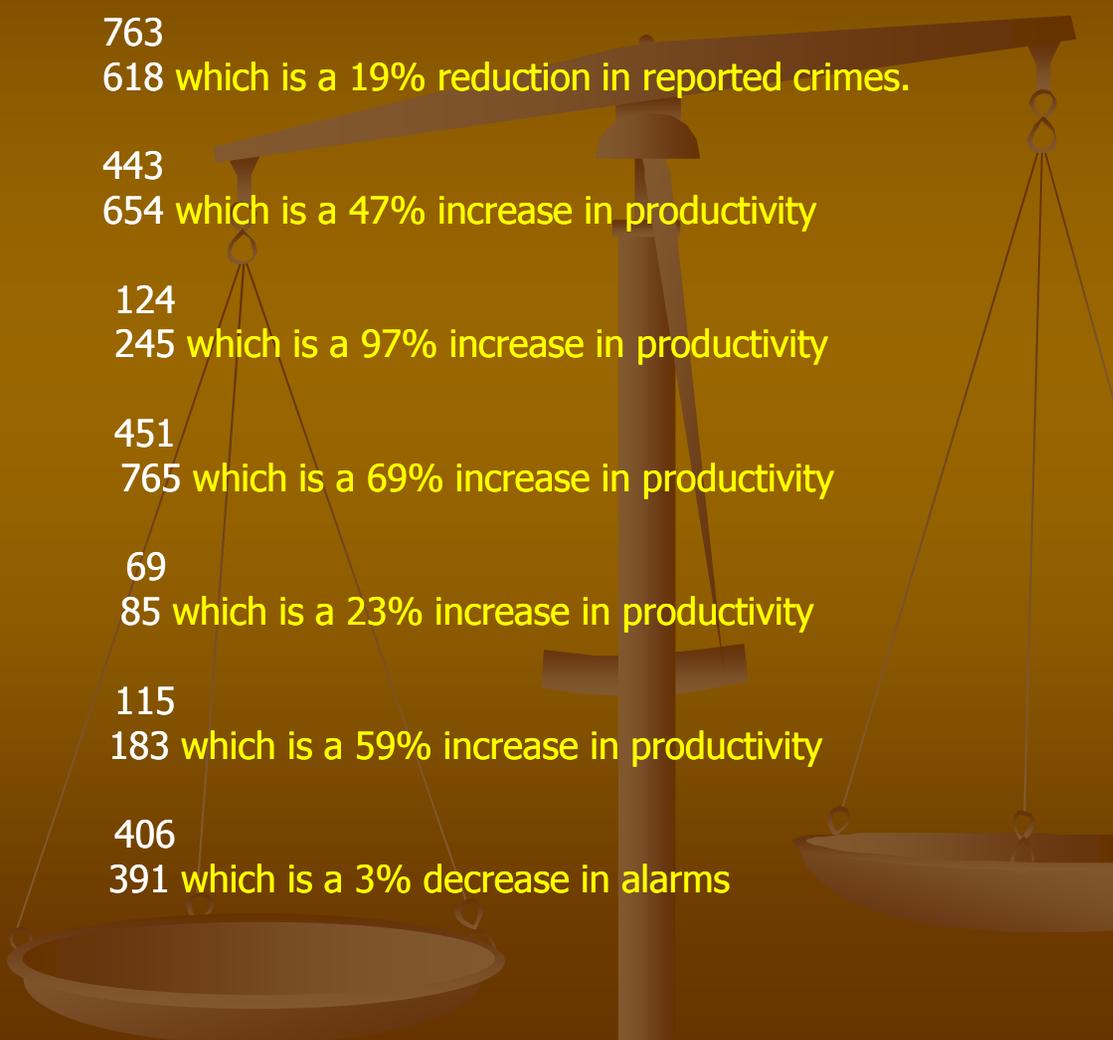
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Jan. 1, 2009 - June 8, 2009



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- Typically you would think that with the crime down that means the productivity is down, however in the City of Washington
 - productivity is up and crime is down!

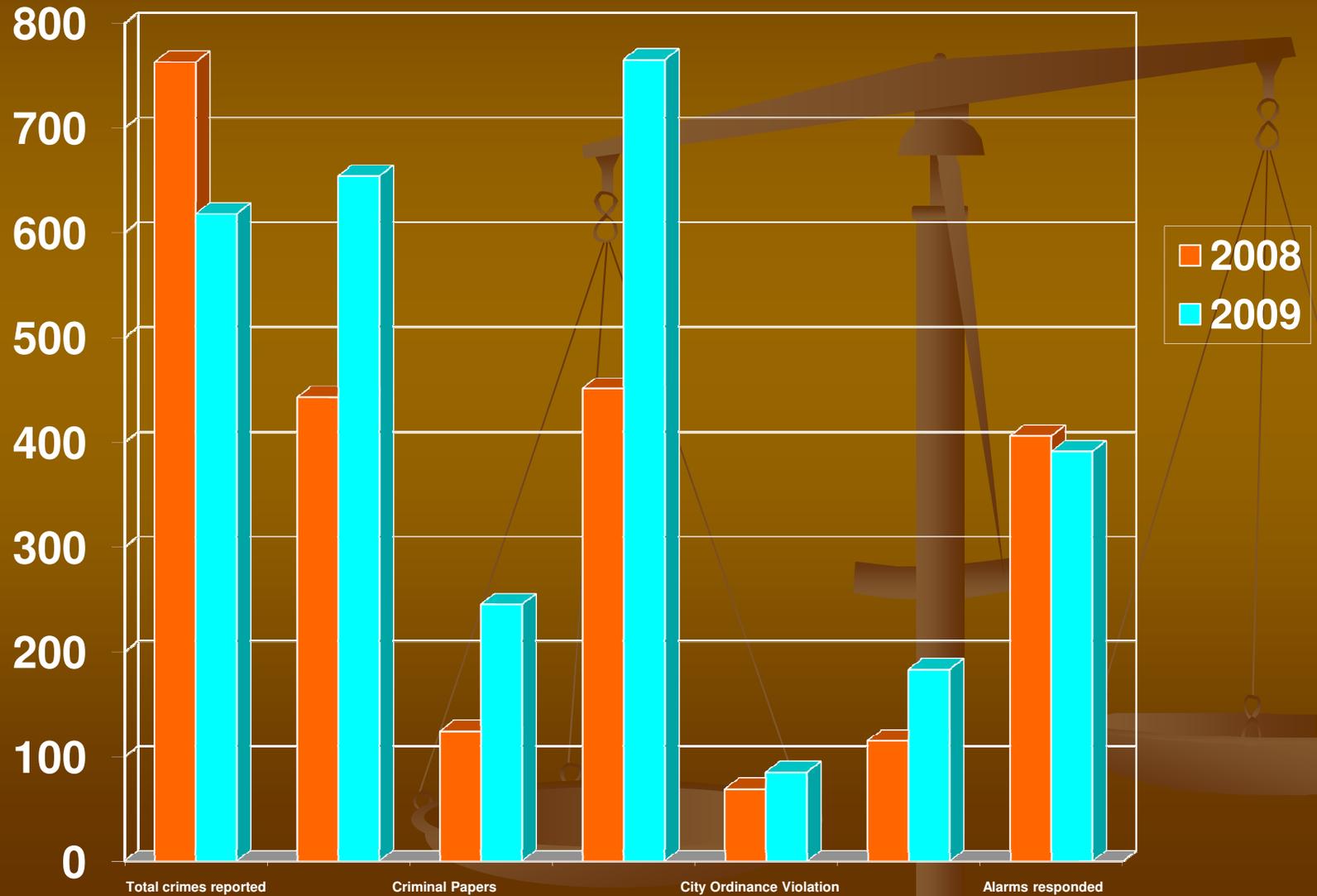
Comparison is from time periods of January 1-May 1 of 2008 vs January 1-May 1 of 2009.



■ Total incidents reported:	2008	763	
	2009	618	which is a 19% reduction in reported crimes.
■ Arrests, closed cleared	2008	443	
	2009	654	which is a 47% increase in productivity
■ Criminal Papers	2008	124	
	2009	245	which is a 97% increase in productivity
■ State Citations	2008	451	
	2009	765	which is a 69% increase in productivity
■ City Ordinance Violation	2008	69	
	2009	85	which is a 23% increase in productivity
■ Warning tickets	2008	115	
	2009	183	which is a 59% increase in productivity
■ Alarms responded to	2008	406	
	2009	391	which is a 3% decrease in alarms

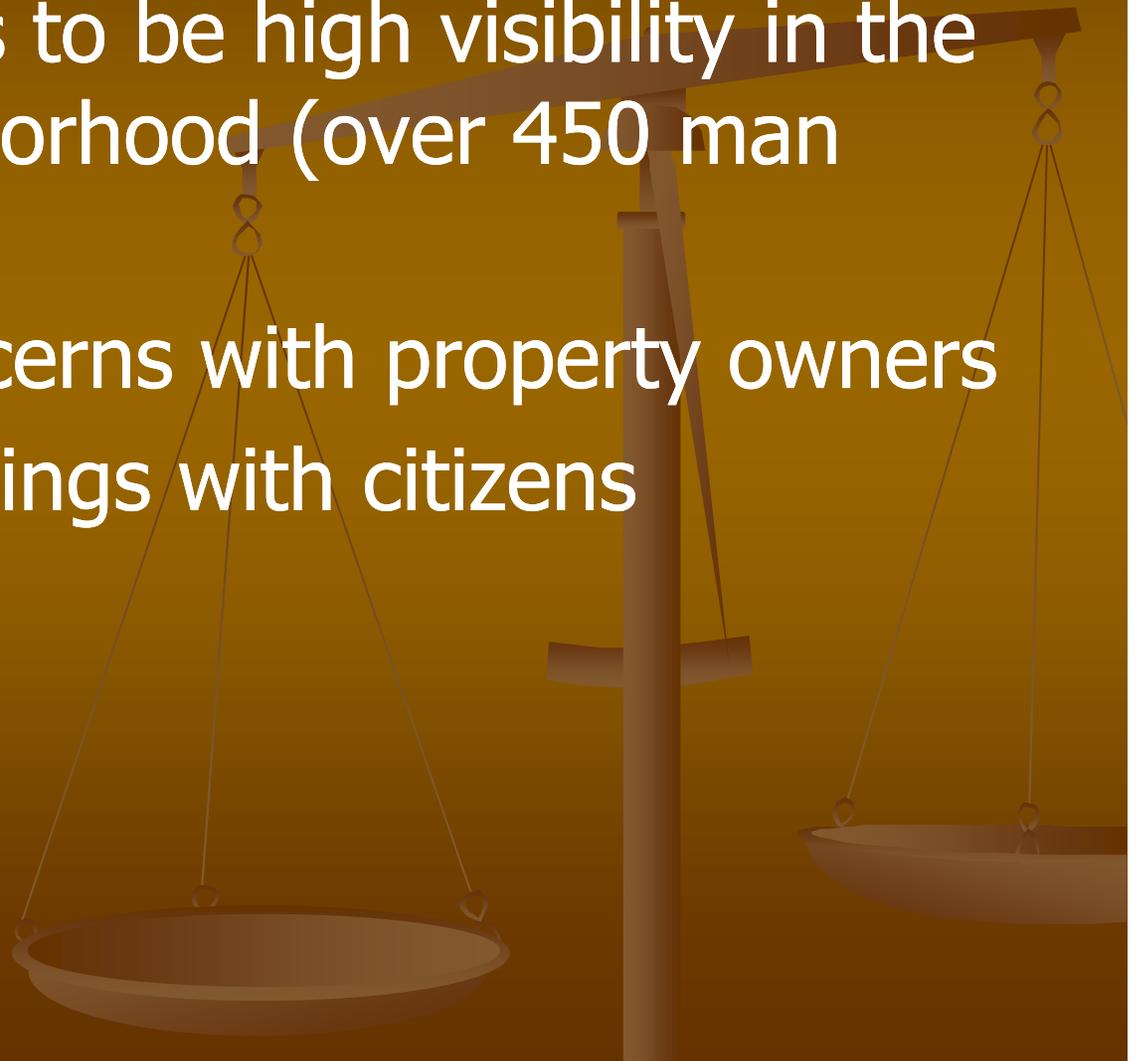
Police Statistics

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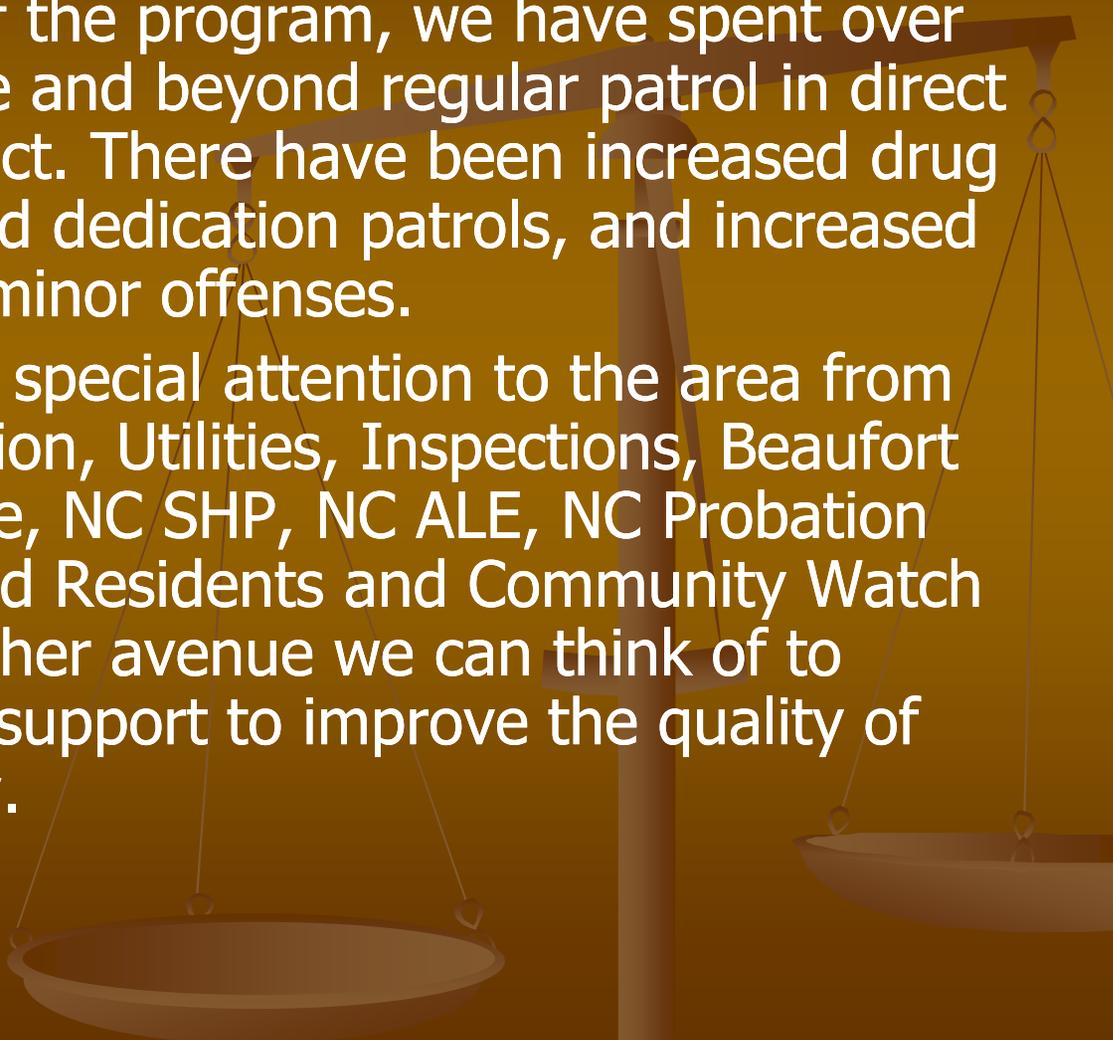


Phase 3

- There continues to be high visibility in the targeted neighborhood (over 450 man hours spent)
- Addressing concerns with property owners
- Continued meetings with citizens

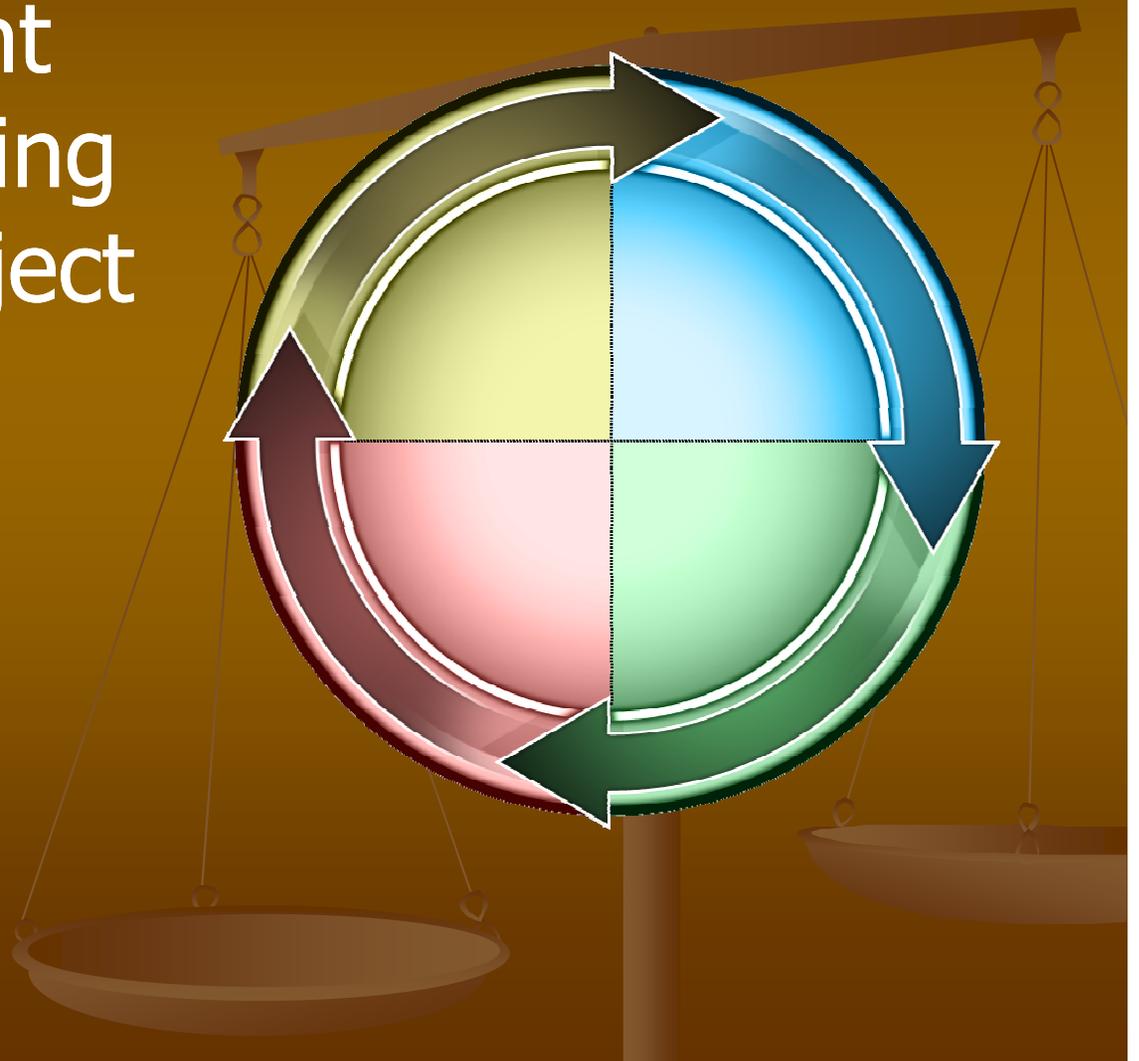


Area Patrol



- Since the inception of the program, we have spent over 450 man hours above and beyond regular patrol in direct response to the project. There have been increased drug surveillance, increased dedication patrols, and increased enforcement for the minor offenses.
- We have coordinated special attention to the area from Public Works, Sanitation, Utilities, Inspections, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, NC SHP, NC ALE, NC Probation and Parole, Concerned Residents and Community Watch members, and any other avenue we can think of to solicit information or support to improve the quality of life in this community.

- At this moment we are repeating the entire project to make it a continual process.



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