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UNEASY PEACE

THE GREAT CRIME DECLINE,
THE RENEWAL OF CITY LIFE, AND
THE NEXT WAR ON VIOLENCE

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Police as *warriors* or *guardians*

warriors or.....




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Police as *guardians* of community defined standards of public safety



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Think of a continuum from guardians




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From unarmed...



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To heavily armed



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From community interaction & informal dress to....



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To military appearance



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From friendly, individual engagement.....



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To massing for show of force



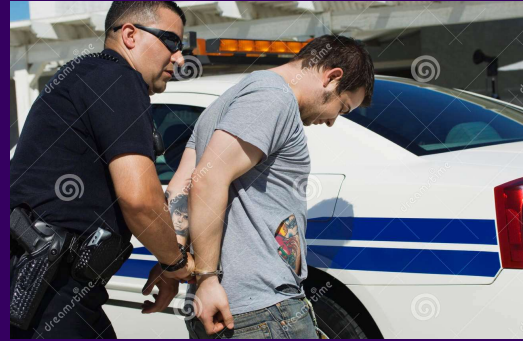
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To assertion of authority



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From use of force...



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Appearance of police violence



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Continuum from community policing
Assisting communities to achieve their objectives



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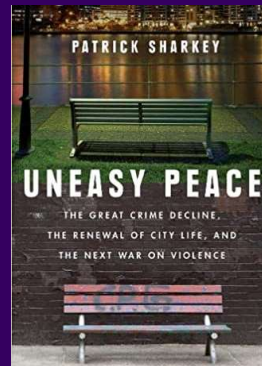
to occupying army



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Public policing is a result of public policy choice
Departments have & can change



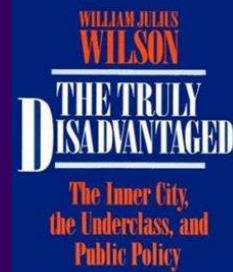
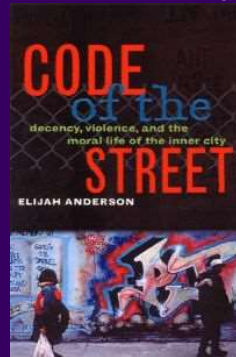
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"The public peace is not kept primarily by the police. It's kept primarily by an intricate, almost unconscious, network of voluntary controls & standards among people themselves & enforced by people themselves."



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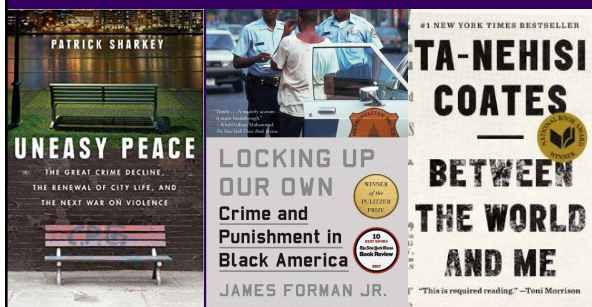
If buildings go empty, if jobs depart; if family & social structure breaks down....



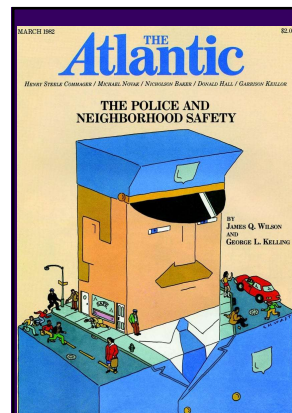
"A provocative analysis of the Black underclass and a radical proposal for ending its plight."
—Jack E. White, *Time*

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Evolution of public policing in the US



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James Q. Wilson & George Kelling
"The Police & Neighborhood Safety"

Atlantic magazine,
March 1982

"broken windows" theory

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Part One offenses

(felonies)

Murder

Rape

Arson

Armed theft

Quality of life offenses

(misdemeanor/summary offense)

Obstructing public passageways

Vandalism

Disorderly conduct

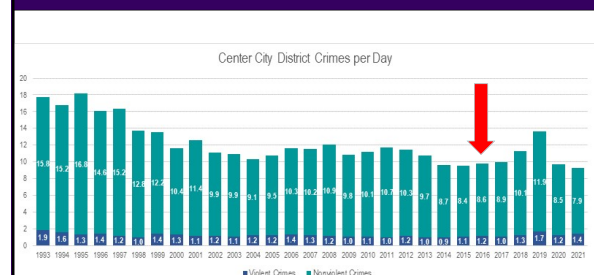
Disorderly public nuisance

Public drunkenness

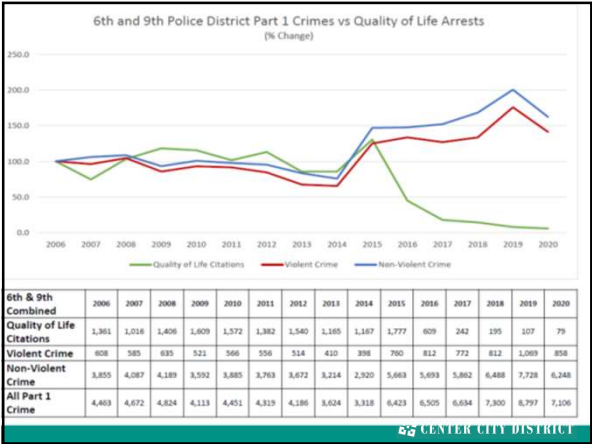
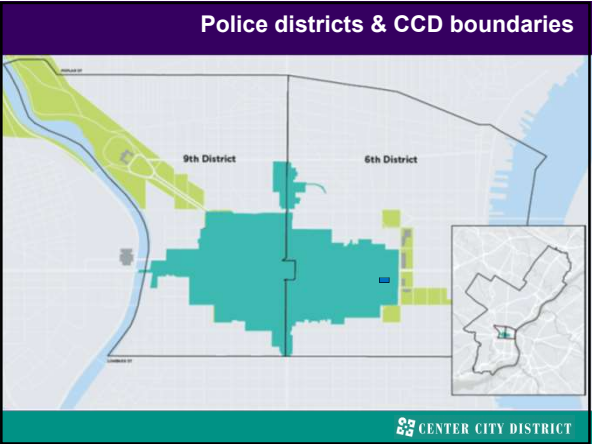
A summary offense is a lesser crime than a felony or misdemeanor. ...
However, in most cases, a conviction for a summary offense will result in a **fine** but not carry any jail time.

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After more than 20-years of steady declines in crime, trends reversed in 2016



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2022 Customer Satisfaction Survey

CCD conducted the Customer Satisfaction Survey from June 1st – September 31st through survey monkey

8 intercept surveys were administered at various locations throughout Center City

4,639 people responded

Center City District is fully committed to downtown's recovery.

In order to address the new challenges of the last two years, we expanded our clean and safe programs with new day and evening bike patrols, ramped up graffiti removal services and expanded our homeless outreach partnership with Project HOME, crisis intervention trained police officers and our own specially trained outreach staff who help those in need come off the street. We added more trees and sidewalk planters, upgraded lighting, improved our parks and brought new entertainment and educational programs to Dinkworth Park and Slater Cities Park.

What can we do better or differently? Please let us know by taking a 5-minute survey.

[COMPLETE OUR SURVEY](#)

You will be entered for a chance to win \$250 in restaurant gift cards. Five winners will be selected at random.

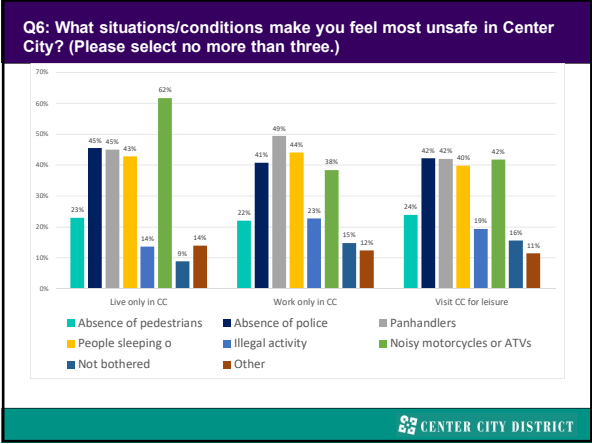
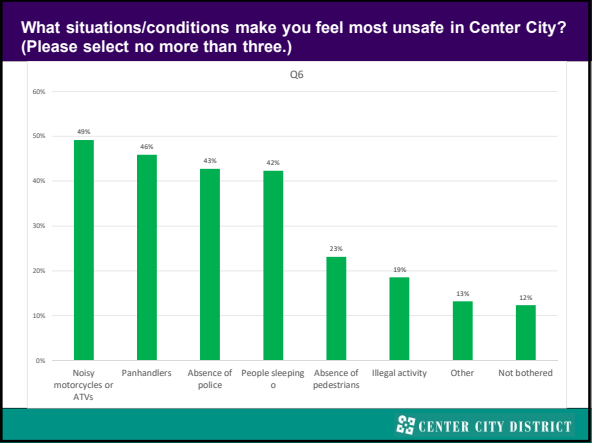
Please give us your opinions and suggestions today!

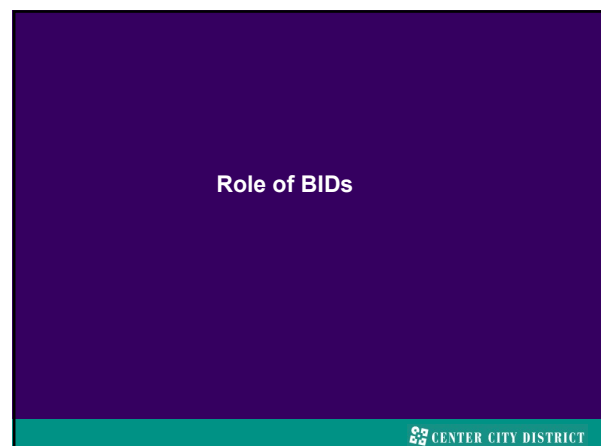
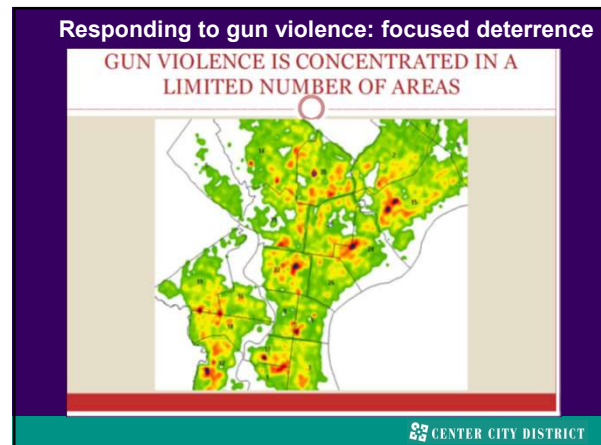
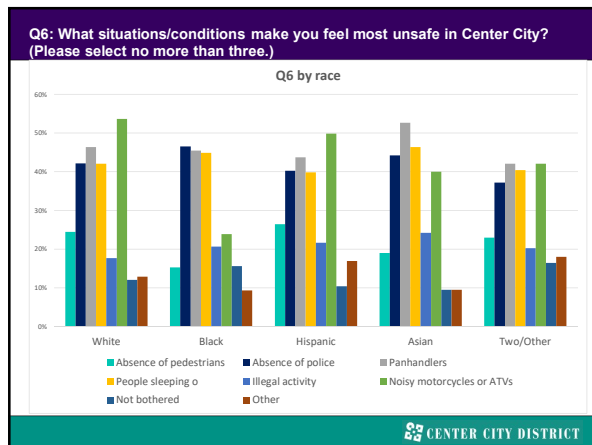
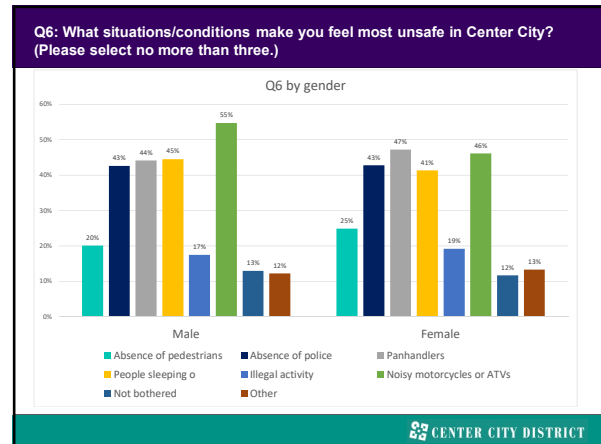
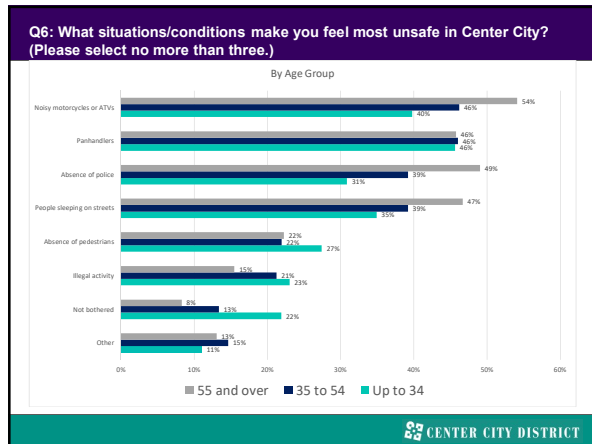
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Q5: Please choose the statement that most accurately describes your perception of safety in Center City.

Safe	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022
I always feel safe	23%	23%	23%	19%	19%	7%
I feel safe most of the time	60%	59%	57%	60%	57%	40%
I occasionally feel unsafe	14%	14%	17%	17%	18%	31%
I often feel unsafe	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	20%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Early BIDs: A response to decline

By the 1970s [Bryant Park](#) had become a dangerous haven for drug dealers and was widely seen as a symbol of New York City's decline. Bryant Park Corporation was founded in 1980

In 1984 Mayor Ed Koch, at the behest of executives from many of the Fortune 500 companies that are headquartered near Grand Central Terminal in New York, asked Dan Biederman to bring his efforts to bear on making the downtrodden area around the terminal commensurate with the offices nearby. the [Grand Central Partnership](#), a Business Improvement District was formed

The 34th Street Partnership was founded in 1989 when Mayor [David Dinkins](#) and property owners on 34th Street asked Biederman to bring his expertise to the area around [Madison Square Garden](#) in order to prepare it for the 1992 Democratic Convention

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Formed 1990: Declining federal resources for cities A degraded public environment:



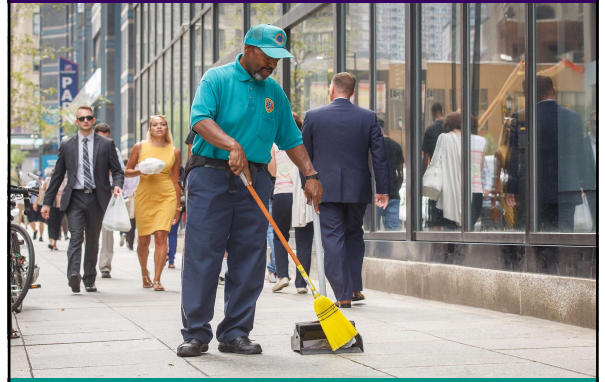
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1991: CCD 1.0 - focus on the basics: cleaning *Doing the job; being seen doing the job*



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Manual sweepers with lobby pan & broom



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Mechanical sweepers: efficiency balanced with visibility: Reassurance that someone is managing things



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Public safety Community Service Representatives



- 52 CSR's
- 6 Supervisors
- 7 days per week

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Continuum from Security to Hospitality Grand Central Partnership, NYC; Tampa, Florida



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Names

Ambassadors
Community Service Representatives
Downtown Watch
Guides
Public Safety Officers
Safety Team

99.9% of programs - unarmed; no powers of arrest

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34th Street Partnership, NYC

www.34thstreet.org

34th St Partnership's in-house security team consists of 44 dedicated members who patrol the District 16 hours every day of the year.



At a central monitoring station, our operator is in direct communication with NYPD dispatchers from the Midtown South Precinct, ready to alert them to any disturbance in the District. We also assist the NYPD by identifying illegal activities, preventing felonies, making arrests, removing illegal street vendors, & eliminating quality-of-life offenses.

As a result of the combined efforts of 34SP and NYPD, 34th Street has been a low-crime area for nearly two decades.

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Downtown Center, Los Angeles, "Purple Patrol"

www.downtownla.com/



The Down Center BID's Safe & Clean team, the "Purple Patrol", is committed to assisting those who work, live, and play within the district.

Team members are highly visible in their purple shirts and provide 24-hour supplemental services to maintain safety, cleanliness, and hospitality within the district.

All team members are provided enhanced training to ensure that your time spent in the Downtown area is memorable and safe



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Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

"Downtown Watch Ambassadors"

<http://downtownwinnipegbiz.com>



Easily recognized in red and black, Downtown Watch ambassadors have been walking the streets seven days a week, year round, during the day and evening since 1995. This goodwill team patrols downtown, offering directions, tourist info, first aid (CPR-certified), and assistance wherever needed. They also participate in community events and act as additional "eyes and ears" for the Winnipeg Police Service.

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Tampa Florida

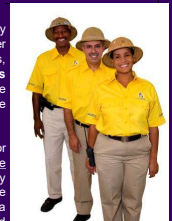
www.tampasdowntown.com

Tampa's Downtown Guides

Tampa's Downtown Guides offer their presence for additional safety by being the eyes and ears for the downtown community. The Guides offer directions, assist stranded motorists with flat tires and dead car batteries, provide restaurant suggestions and even parking options. **The services are FREE.** Their "good-will ambassador" role is a vital part of the Downtown Security Network, working closely with the Tampa Police Department to observe and report suspicious activity.

Their mission is simple - to provide a safer & accessible environment for people in downtown. The Guides patrol downtown on foot, via bicycle and in an electric vehicle called the GEM car. They receive training by some of the best organizations in the area, including Busch Gardens, the American Automobile Association (AAA) and Tampa's finest - The Tampa Police Department and Tampa Fire Rescue. Next time you are out and about, look for their signature plith helmets and bright yellow shirts.

Tampa's Downtown Guides are also available for hire to assist at special events by directing attendees, distributing event information and greeting customers. To apply for assistance, please fill out the [Special Event Assistance Application](#), and/or contact Lynda Remund at (813) 221-3686 or via email at Lremund@tampasdowntown.com for more information.



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Downtown Alliance; Lower Manhattan www.downtownny.com

"Red Coats"

The Downtown Alliance's Public Safety officers, known locally as "red coats" thanks to their distinctive & recognizable uniforms, are our community-facing ambassadors. They patrol the streets every day, constantly on alert to identify & help resolve any incidents or hazardous conditions. Additionally, they provide directions to local points of interest to any inquiring visitors.

The Downtown Alliance's public safety department operates a "Safe Corridor to the Subway" program that offers extra protection for homeward-bound commuters, especially those returning to their Lower Manhattan residences late at night. From evening rush hour through 9 PM, our public safety officers are stationed on the streets near key subway entrances and nearby residential buildings. Our aim is to create a safer atmosphere for Lower Manhattan residents, workers and visitors heading home for the night.



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Liverpool, England, www.liverpoolbidcompany.com



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Deployment of unarmed civilians



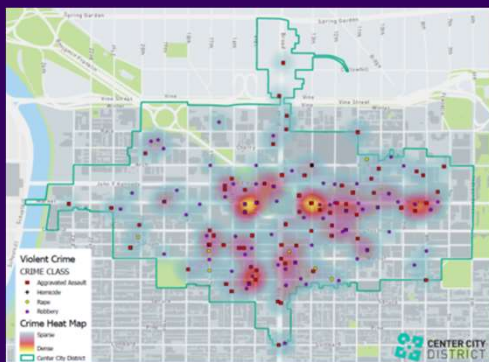
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A welcoming presence & source of information on the street



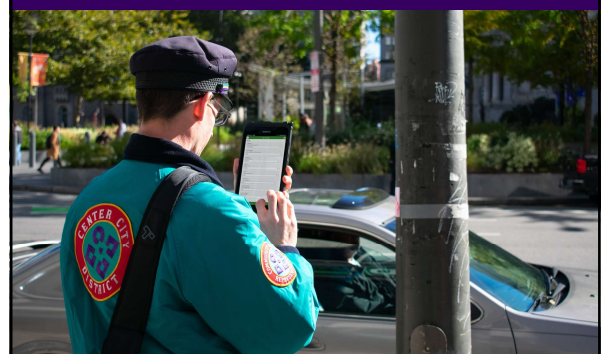
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Deployment planned in part through GIS mapping



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Report public space problems



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Email reports to municipal government departments



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Alert Philadelphia

Brought to you by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Center City District

**Coordinated by CCD & Philadelphia Police 1,500 users.
Serves as critical communications network for CC.**

**Homeland security notifications & threat level changes.
Evacuation information & shelter-in-place practice drills.
Demonstrations & marches.
Crime patterns or trend alerts.
Major fires & traffic detours.
Significant transportation emergencies.**

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Community Service Representatives “authoritative without looking authoritarian”



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CSR roles

- Crime & disorder prevention through visible uniformed presence;
- Identification of public safety problems & pursuit of their resolution through coordinated CCD & Phila Police Depart effort;
- Visible “City Ambassadors,” dissemination of public information & assistance to visitors support services for conventions;
- Identification of public nuisance & exterior code violations & resolution through a coordinated CCD, Streets Dept & Department of Licenses and Inspections effort;
- First aid assistance;
- Long-term crime prevention advocacy for residents, businesses & visitors.
- No weapons, no use of force

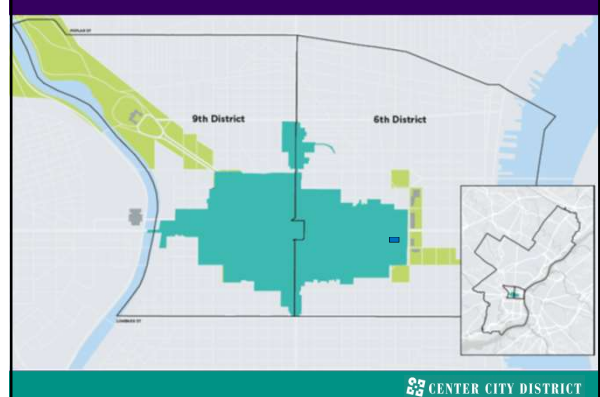
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Unique partnership with Philadelphia police



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Police districts



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CCD Police Substation
Where Police & CSRs stand joint roll call
Off-load from police; non-police functions

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Raised salaries, expand public safety foot patrol
Community Service Representative (CSR) to 50 staff
• 7 days per week

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Nov. 1, 2020 deployed 8 bike safety patrol officers as deterrent
Visible, mobile, unarmed presence on the street

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2021: Expanded public safety bike patrol

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Increased 42 staff, 7 days, 15 person day shift 11 am to 7pm

CCD Bike Patrol Zones

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10 officers: 7 day, 3-11pm shift

CCD Bike Patrol Zones
3pm-11pm

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Overlapping shifts = 25 deployed evening rush hour
3 pm to 7pm



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Public Safety Collaborative 20 local & federal agencies
PPD, SEPTA & PATCO Police, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Mint police,
National Park Services police, Sherriff's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office,
State Attorney General's Office; heads of security for Jefferson and Comcast,



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