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FY '25 - Quarter 1

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FY '25 Q1 of MONSE's Finishing Year

In Quarter 1 of its Finishing Year, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) has begun to work toward full implementation and sustainability of the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan. The agency continues to prioritize the co-production of public safety with and for Baltimore as outlined in the City's comprehensive public safety strategy. As MONSE continues further into the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan's (CVPP) Finishing Year, the agency is focused on strengthening systems and transitioning initial pilot programs toward full implementation.

Agency Formation and Hiring

This quarter, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement onboarded staff in the following roles across the agency:

- Peace Mobile Driver and Outreach Liaison;
- Community Partnership Manager for the Group Violence Reduction Strategy.

Major milestones for the agency during this period include:

- Held an All-Team Retreat July 30-31 to reset expectations, review procedures, and focus on timeline and team planning to support delivery of goals outlined in the Mayor's Action Plan and Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan (CVPP);
- Assisted in the planning and execution of National Night Out;
- Successfully closed out Summer Youth Engagement in partnership with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, Baltimore Police Department, School Police, PEACE Team, We Our Us, For My Kidz, Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, and other partners.
 - [Read the recap release here.](#)

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Gun Violence Prevention

MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team develops and implements strategies to shift the culture of gun violence in Baltimore City, with a focus on partnerships and coordination both with fellow City agencies, national organizations, and local stakeholders. MONSE engages

high-risk communities in the pursuit of prevention and intervention in violence that could result in a shooting or homicide.

In this quarter, MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team:

- Launched the School Based Violence Intervention Program pilot at the start of the 2024-2025 school year in Digital Harbor and Carver Vocational Technical High Schools;
- Safe Streets Belvedere, Franklin Square, Park Heights all achieved over 365 Days with no homicides within their catchment zones;
- Announced a GVRS takedown for a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) at 900 N. Broadway;
- Announced GVRS DTO takedown at Belair & Nichols in Northeast Baltimore;
- Hosted a stabilization resource fair at Princess Plaza in response to Western and Southwestern District violence uptick;
- Dir. Mavronis participated in a GVRS-focused panel during the Problem-Oriented Policing Conference on September 13;
- Hosted the Gun Violence Intervention team from Memphis, Tennessee at MONSE HQ on September 25 to share ideas around revamping Memphis' Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention programming.

Victim Services

Every shooting and violent incident leaves behind a web of trauma – for the victim, as well as bystanders, families, neighbors, and even the perpetrators of violence. MONSE's Victim Services team has laid a foundation for intentional coordination with a trauma-informed approach, which is now supported by a fully-staffed lane.

In this quarter, MONSE's Victim Services team:

- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Prevention team participated in the Brown Girl Wellness Summer Empowerment Event at the Manor and hosted a financial wellness workshop and survivor-led panel to provide an informative and engaging opportunity for attendees to receive tips, resources and motivation to empower positive outcomes for those impacted by IPV on July 19;

- Participated in Shaping Health Equity Inc.'s 1st Annual Black Women's Health Summit;
- Met with staff and social work team at Medstar Union Memorial Hospital to review their current protocols for IPV risk assessment and response;
- Began training Safe Streets staff in IPV Prevention, providing them with tools on how to recognize, respond and refer when faced with situations where IPV indicators are present;
- Facilitated training at the Mid- Atlantic Aids Education and Training Center to provide an overview of IPV, including evidence-based risk assessment tools to recognize IPV and how to respond to IPV;
- Facilitated a total of six virtual trainings at the Community Action Partnership (CAP) centers, sharing tools on how to recognize, respond, and refer when faced with situations where IPV indicators are present;
- Hosted a virtual meet and greet with members of the Durham Community Safety Department seeking to learn more about the agency's objectives and portfolio of work to include program planning and organizational context on September 24.

Community Engagement and Opportunity

Dedicated to the co-production of public safety in all of Baltimore's neighborhoods, the Community Engagement and Opportunity team partners with residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and City agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

This team leads the agency's collaborative efforts in youth justice, re-entry, community healing, social and emotional development, coordinated neighborhood stabilization response, and other associated work.

MONSE's Community Engagement and Opportunity team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Responses
 - Westport – proactive response focused on stabilizing the community while addressing enforcement, environmental, and human health services issues;

- Mondawmin – reactive stabilization in response to juvenile shooting in the Mondawmin area with particular focus on youth resources and a continued presence in the area to deter potential conflict;
- Dukeland – reactive stabilization in response to a juvenile homicide;
 - Resource Fair hosted on 9/13/24;
- Oliver – reactive stabilization in response to a mass shooting resulting in one homicide and seven non-fatal victims;
 - Resource Fair hosted at Dr. Bernard Harris Elementary on 10/22/24;
- Stricker St. – reactive stabilization in response to a police-involved shooting;
- Baltimore and Gilmor – reactive stabilization in response to multiple youth-involved shootings;
- Accompanied the Mayor on a behind the wall visit to meet participants engaged in the Returning Citizens Behind the Wall initiative and discuss the City’s approach to re-entry on July 26;
- Launched a third Neighborhood Policing Plan neighborhood with the North Ave. and Hilton Street Business and Community Taskforce, in partnership with BPD;
- Conducted a Narcan training for the staff at the Center for Urban Families on August 21;
- Launched Safe Return Planning for Returning Citizen Behind the Wall participants, beginning the process of re-entry planning months prior to release to Baltimore City;
- Attended the Emergency Preparedness Summit hosted by OEM in Cherry Hill on September 28 to engage with the Brooklyn community, offering resources and gathering information on additional services needed.

Policy and Research

MONSE’s Policy and Research team is also responsible for developing and pushing Mayor Scott’s legislative agenda as it relates to public safety. This team is also home to the agency’s in-house data capacity.

MONSE’s Policy and Research team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Attended and participated in the City Council hearing on Violence Against Women to discuss the rise in violence against women and strategies to reverse this epidemic on July 10;
- Hosted a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting on August 26, where the Mayor discussed opioid settlements, Polymer80 settlements, auto theft diversion, warrant services, and home detention monitoring legislation;
- Attended and participated in the Public Safety and Government Oversight Committee City Council Hearing to provide an update on the status of the School Based Violence Intervention Program (SBVIP) on September 11, 2024;

Grants and Contracting

MONSE received Board of Estimates (BOE) approval for the following contracts, grant award acceptances, and agreements:

July 10, 2024

- **TurnAround, Inc. – \$0 (Term: 1/18/23-7/18/24).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve no cost extension with TurnAround, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide evidence-based Dating Matters Programs with youth in Baltimore, MD in an effort to prevent dating violence and intimate partner violence.*
- **My Covenant Place, Inc. – \$0 (Term: 1/11/23-10/26/24).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve no cost extension with My Covenant Place, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide domestic / intimate partner violence intervention and programming through an in-person / telehealth hybrid model.*

July 24, 2024

- **No items on the July 24, 2024 BOE.**

August 7, 2024

- **Employee Travel Request – Sherrel Peterson – \$1,050.67.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a third-party covered travel request for Sherrel Peterson to attend the OVW JFF- New Grantee Orientation in Atlanta, GA from December 4- 6, 2023.*
- **Employee Travel Request – Shannon Thomas – \$897.40.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a third-party covered travel request for Shannon Thomas to attend the OVW JFF- New Grantee Orientation in Atlanta, GA from December 4- 6, 2023.*

- **Employee Travel Request – Mark Mason – \$288.60.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a travel request for Mark Mason to attend the Human Trafficking Investigator Seminar 2024 Maryland, in Ocean City, MD from 3/16/2024 - 3/18/2024.*

August 21, 2024

- **Employee Travel Reimbursement – Thomas Stack – \$185.99.** *MONSE requested that the Board provide a travel reimbursement for Thomas Stack. Mr. Stack is a Subject Matter Expert in the field of anti-human trafficking work and is the Co-Chair of the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative.*
- **Employee Travel Reimbursement – Crystal Miller – \$63.00.** *MONSE requested that the Board provide a travel reimbursement for Crystal Miller related to her attendance at the Police Executive Research Forum from 3/25/24 - 3/27/24.*
- **Employee Travel Request – Thomas Stack – \$447.96.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve and authorize Thomas Stack’s, Anti-Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault Response Manager, third-party funded travel to Clearwater, FL to represent MONSE at the Internationals Association of Human Trafficking Investigators (IAHTI) Conference from September 2, 2024 to September 6, 2024.*

September 4, 2024

- **The Ravens Foundation – \$200,000 (Term: 3/15/24-3/15/26).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an award from the Ravens Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to support Baltimore's Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS), specifically the technical assistance provided by a consulting team from University of Pennsylvania's Crime and Justice Policy Lab.*
- **Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy – \$200,000 (Term: 3/15/24-3/15/26).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an award from the Ravens Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to support the build out of the Community Violence Intervention Ecosystem.*
- **House of Ruth Maryland, Inc. – \$242,256 (Term: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2026).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a grant agreement with the House of Ruth Maryland, Inc. The purpose of this grant is to encourage coordination among local domestic violence prevention programs in the program implementation of all Justice for Families funded initiatives, including technical assistance and training opportunities to collaborative community response teams.*

September 18, 2024

- **Maryland Department of Juvenile Services – \$200,375 (Term: 7/1/24 -6/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an award from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. The purpose of this grant is to support the SideStep Pre-Arrest Youth Diversion program through the funding of MONSE’s Youth Opportunity Coordinator and case management system.*
- **Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy – \$3,600,000 (Term: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an award from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. The purpose of this grant is to continue to fund the Safe Streets Baltimore (SSB) programs, which seek to mediate conflicts peacefully and change community norms to stop shootings and homicides in Baltimore City.*
- **Baltimore Police Department – \$304,174 (Term: 10/1/2023-9/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an interagency agreement between the Baltimore Police Department and MONSE. The purpose of this agreement is to provide BPD with funding to acquire much needed supplies and equipment to aid in the coordination and expansion of the City’s Group Violence Reduction Strategy Program.*
- **Employee Travel Request – Stefanie Mavronis – \$513.47.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Employee Travel Request for Stefanie Mavronis to attend the National Organization of Attorneys General on September 17th and return on September 18th, 2024, in Wilmington, Delaware.*