

Wilmington Street Team DATA REPORT

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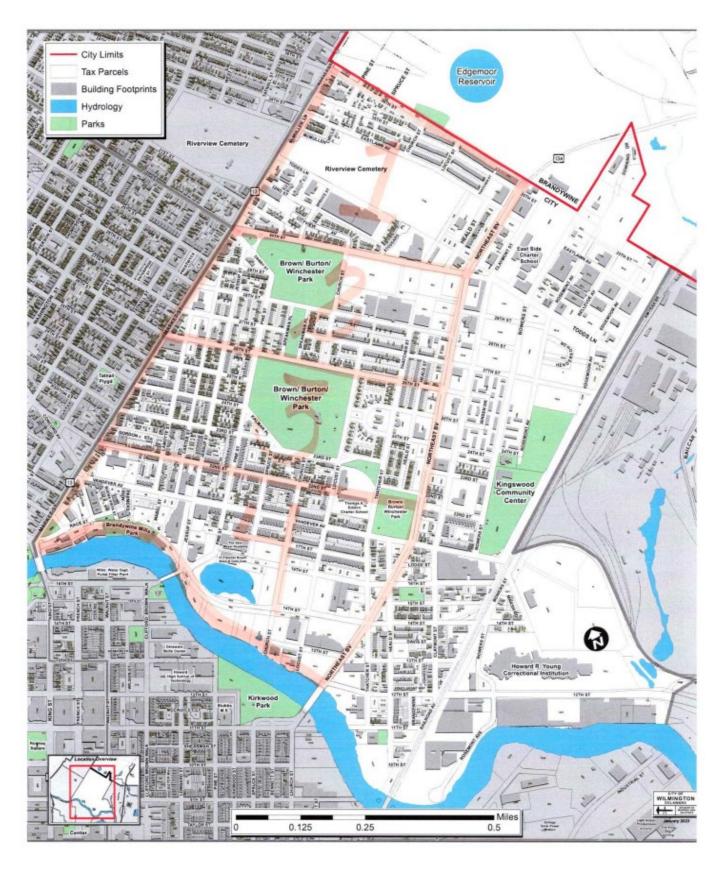
On June 6, 2023, the Community Public Safety Initiative (CPSI) officially launched the Wilmington Street Team (WST) to utilize the Community Violence Intervention approach to decrease crime in the City of Wilmington. WST is a group of nonprofits actively involved in increasing the overall well-being of Wilmington. The Center for Structural Equity (CFSE), the Youth Advocate Programs (YAP), and Network Connect were trained to be Public Safety Professionals. YAP and CFSE are responsible for high-risk intervention, and Network Connect provides wrap-around services to individuals outside that parameter. Individuals between 13 and 26 are considered "high risk" and work with YAP and CFSE to decrease their likelihood of engaging in negative behaviors.

On June 8, 2023, the CPSI coordinator collected the first crime statistics for East Side and Prices Run. These were the areas determined to have the highest incidence of crime. The Youth Advocate Program (YAP) is responsible for Prices Run (Zones 1-4), and the Center for Structural Equity (CFSE) works on the East Side (Zones 5-8) of Wilmington. Each organization is responsible for responding to incidents, providing interventions, and conducting community engagement in designated areas.

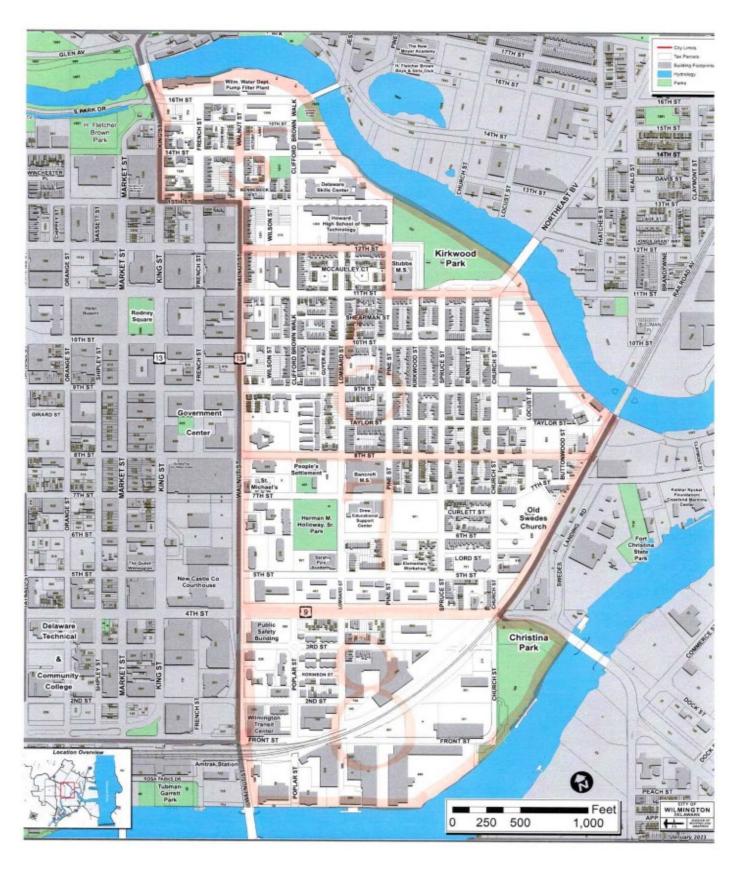
"Largely overlooked in the theoretical and empirical literature on the crime decline is a long tradition of ... informal sources ... [in] communities (Starkey et al.,2017)." The Wilmington Street Team is active in the community and has contributed to increasing public safety in the City of Wilmington. On January 4, 2024, the Wilmington Police Department released a year-end report. The report highlighted the decrease in crime across the city. According to the report, District 11 and District 13 were the only districts that ended the year with reduced total crime. These two (2) districts are the singular zones to which WST is assigned. The following data provides a snapshot of each organization's work from September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, in those districts.

^{**}Sharkey, P., Torrats-Espinosa, G., & Takyar, D. (2017). Community and the crime decline: the causal effect of local nonprofits on violent crime. American Sociological Review, 82(6), 1214–1240.

Prices Run – District 13



East Side - District 11



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Summary

Dispatch Calls

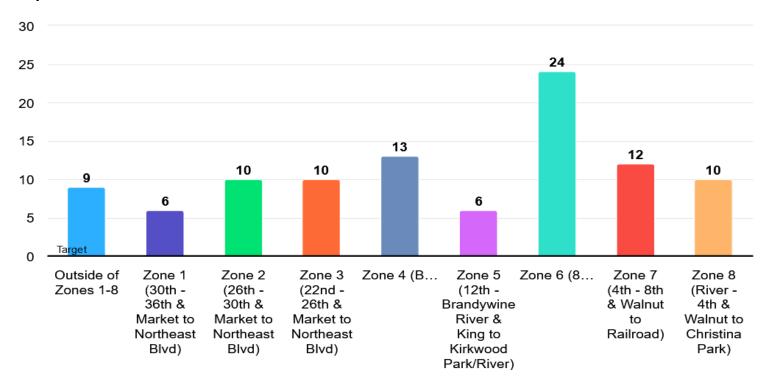
From September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, the Wilmington Police Department reported 91 dispatch calls to the Community Public Safety Initiative (CPSI) Coordinator. These calls took place in zones 1-8. Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) is responsible for zones 1-4, and the Center for Structural Equity (CFSE) is accountable for zones 5-8. To date, Zone 6 has the highest incidence of dispatch calls but has decreased from 30.53% (June – August) to 24% (September – December). Zones 1 and 5 still have the lowest incidence of dispatch at 6.0% each but increased from 3.16%. The total number of dispatch calls within zones 1-4 is 39%, and 52% of the calls occurred in zones 5-8. Wilmington Police Department reported nine (9) calls outside of zones 1-8; however, those zones are within a block of zones 1-8.

CPSI also identified the times the incidents took place. There were 13 calls from 00:01-04:00, which decreased 17.64% from the previous report. Six (6) calls took place from 04:01-08:00, 18 from 08:00-12:00, 18 from 12:01-16:00, 25 from 16:01-20:00 and 19 from 20:01-24:00. Most of the calls were received between the hours of 16:01-20:00 and of those calls, three (3) from outside of zones 1-8, three (3) from Zone 1, two (2) from Zone 2, two (2) were received from Zone 3, three (3) from Zone 4, two (2) from Zone 5, four (4) from Zone 6, four (4) from Zone 7, and two (2) from Zone 8.

Most of the calls were Shots Fired with No Injuries and Assault at 21% each. Zones 2 and 6 had the highest number of shots fired at five (5) each. However, Zone 4 had the highest number of assaults at 5. The second highest was Missing Person, Special at 10% with most occurring in Zone 2.

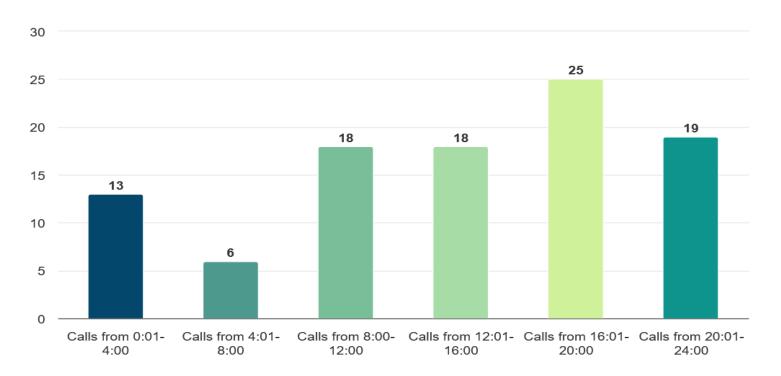
Dispatch Calls by Zone

Graph - A



Dispatch Calls by Time

Graph - B



CompStat Data from the Wilmington Police Department

The City of Wilmington consists of three (3) sectors, broken into three (3) districts, nine (9) in total. Of those districts, zones 1-4 are in District 13, and zones 5-8 are in District 11. Out of the nine (9) districts, only two (2) decreased in crime: Districts 11 and 13. The seven (7) remaining districts showed an increase in crime, ranging from 3% to 42%. It should also be noted that Districts 11 and 13 decreased in all areas: Shooting Incidents, Shooting Victims, Juvenile Shooting Incidents, Juvenile Shooting Victims, and Theft (Misdemeanor).

Community Encounters

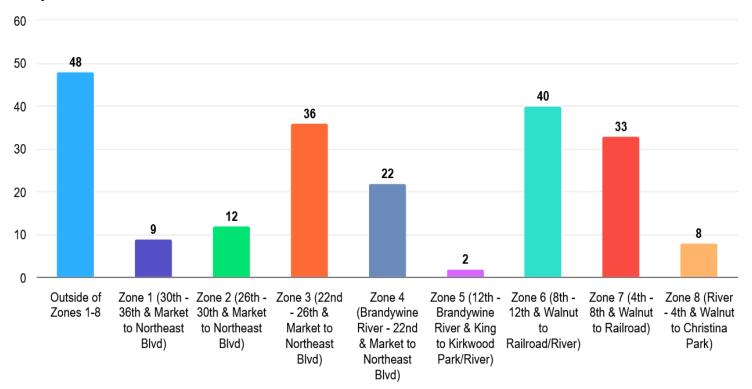
To date, Zone 3 and Zone 6 have the highest encounters. Zones 1-4 have 79 encounters, totaling 151 for 2023. Zones 5-8 have 83 encounters and 150 for 2023. WST also conducted 48 encounters outside of zones 1-8 from September 1 – December 31, 2023, and 63 for the entire year of 2023. Of the encounters, a majority were with African Americans at 94.76%.

The encounters ranged from a simple referral to another agency to ensuring no retaliations took place after a shooting. In September of 2023, the Wilmington Street Team (WST) visited Freire Charter School to ensure safe passage for students. This school is outside zones 1-8, but the community must address this issue.

In October, members of WST contacted the Impact Team at a local charter school to assist with a meeting for a student and their family. The following month, November, WST spoke with teens shooting paintballs in the area to connect them to more pro-social activities. In December, WST members provided Narcan kits to the community. These are only a few interactions that have occurred within zones 1-8.

Community Encounters

Graph - C

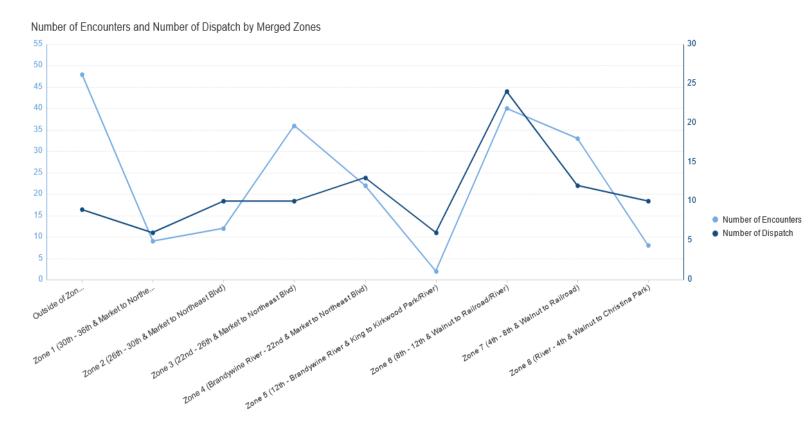


► Outside of Zones 1-8	Percent of Total	Row Count
► Zone 1 (30th - 36th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	Percent of Total	Row Count
▶ Zone 2 (26th - 30th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	Percent of Total 5.71%	Row Count
► Zone 3 (22nd - 26th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	Percent of Total	Row Count
► Zone 4 (Brandywine River - 22nd & Market to Northeast Blvd)	Percent of Total	Row Count
► Zone 5 (12th - Brandywine River & King to Kirkwood Park/River)	Percent of Total 0.95%	Row Count
► Zone 6 (8th - 12th & Walnut to Railroad/River)	Percent of Total	Row Count
► Zone 7 (4th - 8th & Walnut to Railroad)	Percent of Total	Row Count
▶ Zone 8 (River - 4th & Walnut to Christina Park)	Percent of Total 3.81%	Row Count

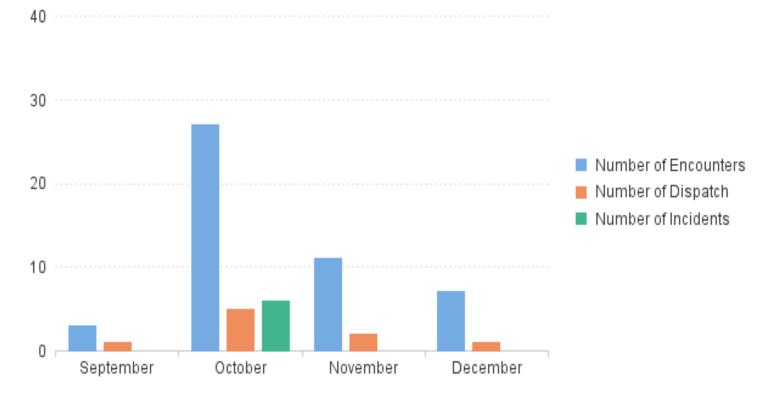
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Wilmington Police Department provides all dispatch calls within zones 1-8. Zone 1 had nine (9) encounters and only six (6) dispatch calls. Zone 2 had 12 encounters and ten dispatch calls. Zone 3 had 36 community encounters and 11 dispatch calls. Zone 4 had 22 encounters and 13 dispatch calls. Zone 5 had two (2) encounters and six (6) dispatch calls. Zone 6 had the highest encounters at 40 and 24 dispatch calls. Zone 7 had 33 encounters and 12 dispatch calls. Zone 8 had eight (8) community encounters and ten dispatch calls. WST also conducted 48 community encounters outside of zones 1-8. There is a direct correlation between the increased number of community encounters and the decreased number of dispatch calls.

	Community Encounters	Dispatch Calls
Outside of Zones 1-8	48	9
Zone 1 (30th - 36th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	9	6
Zone 2 (26th - 30th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	12	10
Zone 3 (22nd - 26th & Market to Northeast Blvd)	36	10
Zone 4 (Brandywine River - 22nd & Market to Northeast Blvd)	22	13
Zone 5 (12th - Brandywine River & King to Kirkwood Park/River)	2	6
Zone 6 (8th - 12th & Walnut to Railroad/River)	40	24
Zone 7 (4th - 8th & Walnut to Railroad)	33	12
Zone 8 (River - 4th & Walnut to Christina Park)	8	10

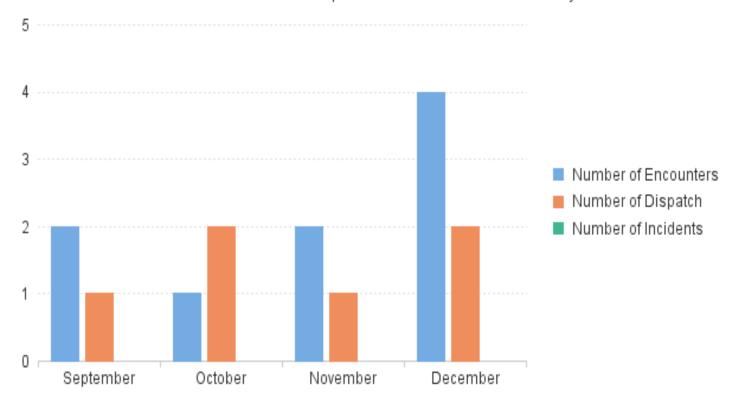


Graph D - Outside of Zones 1-8



Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	3	1	0
Oct 2023	27	5	6
Nov 2023	11	2	0
Dec 2023	7	1	0

Graph E - Zone 1

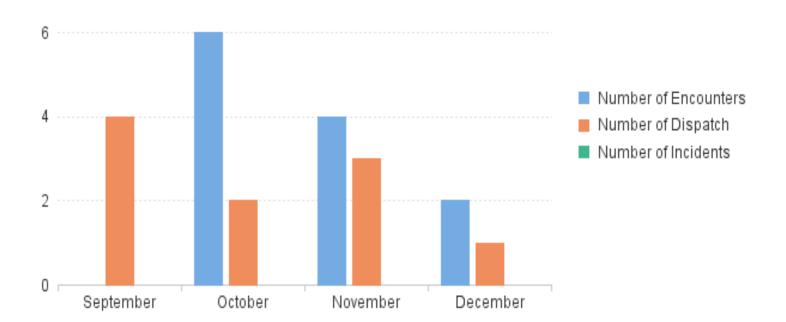


Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	2	1	0
Oct 2023	1	2	0
Nov 2023	2	1	0
Dec 2023	4	2	0

Graph F - Zone 2

Number of Encounters / Number of Dispatch / Number of Incidents by Encounter Month

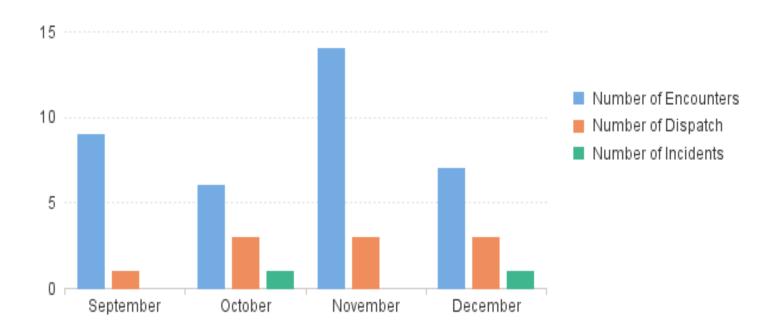
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Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	2	4	0
Oct 2023	4	2	0
Nov 2023	6	3	0
Dec 2023		1	0

Graph G - Zone 3



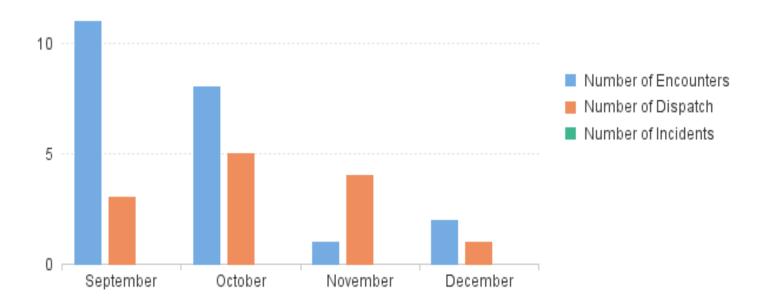


Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	9	1	0
Oct 2023	6	3	1
Nov 2023	14	3	0
Dec 2023	7	3	1

Graph H - Zone 4

Number of Encounters / Number of Dispatch / Number of Incidents by Encounter Month

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Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	2	3	0
Oct 2023	1	5	0
Nov 2023	8	4	0
Dec 2023	11	1	0

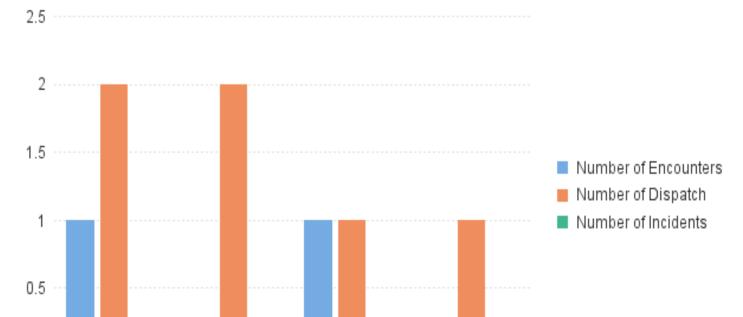
Graph I - Zone 5

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September

October

Number of Encounters / Number of Dispatch / Number of Incidents by Dispatch Month



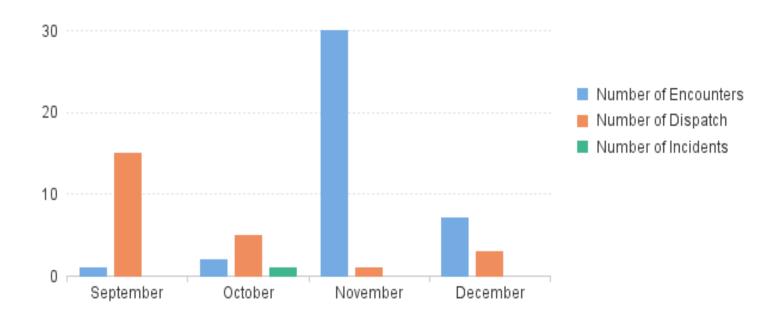
December

Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	1	2	0
Oct 2023		2	0
Nov 2023	1	1	0
Dec 2023		1	0

November

Graph J - Zone 6



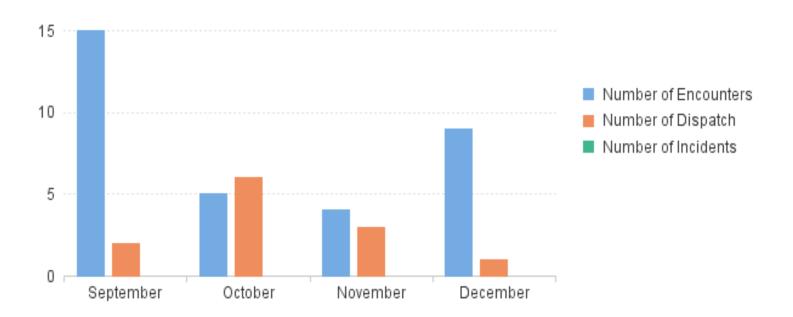


Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	7	15	0
Oct 2023	30	5	1
Nov 2023	2	1	0
Dec 2023	1	3	0

Graph K - Zone 7

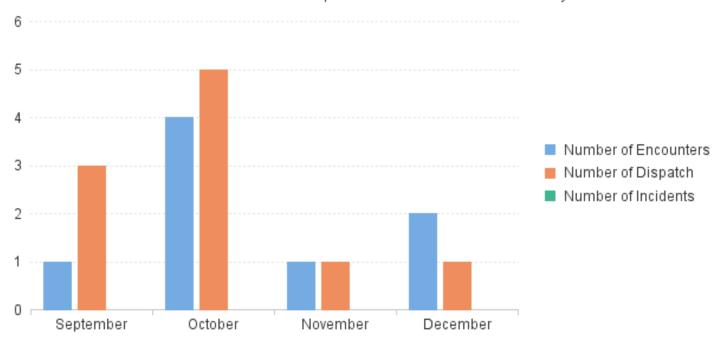
Number of Encounters / Number of Dispatch / Number of Incidents by Encounter Month

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Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	9	2	0
Oct 2023	4	6	0
Nov 2023	5	3	0
Dec 2023	15	1	0

Graph L - Zone 8



Months	Number of Encounters	Number of Dispatch	Incident/Intervention Count
Sep 2023	2	3	0
Oct 2023	1	5	0
Nov 2023	4	1	0
Dec 2023	1	1	0

WST Participants

Each organization manages a caseload of individuals living in Prices Run or East Side. These individuals have demonstrated a need for services and agreed to ongoing engagement. YAP and CFSE supervise individuals ages 13-26, and Network Connect manages participants ages 27 and over. Network Connect engages with the senior citizens in the community. The following information includes all participants who have engaged with WST from June 6, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

To date, 96.6% of the participants are African American, 1.36% are Hispanic, and 2.04% are White. Of the African American participants, 38.73% identify as Female (Cis), 59.15% are Male (Cis), .7% identify as Female (Trans), and 1.41% identify as Male (Trans). Each Hispanic participant is Male (Cis), and of the White participants, 66.67% are Female (Cis), and 33.33% identify as Male (Cis).

WST Participants are eligible for a wide range of services, and all three (3) organizations work together to meet the community's needs. Currently, 147 people are participating in the program. CFSE supervises 59 cases, Network Connect manages 17, and YAP supervises 33. The average age of female participants is 44 and 32 for males. Of the 147 participants, 38.18% reported having a high school diploma. However, most participants did not report their housing status; 6.27% were homeowners, 12.82% were renters, and 11.4% were unhoused. Housing, transportation, and employment are the areas of greatest need.

The organizations have assisted with transportation to appointments, obtaining employment, and providing NARCAN. Community members have been helped with paying their utility bills and rent and assisted with employment. An elderly resident was assisted with purchasing a new water heater and referred to Habitat for Humanity for housing repairs. A young lady, age 15, was assisted with employment and career development. WST assisted with connecting a community member to Victim Services and expressed the need for grief counseling. In Prices Run, WST intervened in a domestic violence situation and provided transportation to the family member. Also, in Prices Run, WST provided mentorship to teenagers. Numerous other interactions took place with the community.

HRI – Incidents/Interventions

To date, zones 1-4 have had two (2) incidents, and zones 5-8 have had one (1) incident. The incidents/interventions consisted of a shooting, shots fired, and a disorderly group. Members of WST responded to these incidents in the community to interrupt the cycle of violence.

East Side HUB

The East Side HUB serviced 167 people from September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. During this quarter, WST provided 87 people bus passes, four (4) community members received housing referrals and bus passes, 38 individuals received miscellaneous services, one (1) was provided a Narcan kit, and 36 people washed clothes, and of those people, two (2) were provided bus passes.

Community Events

The Wilmington Street Team (WST) hosted 11 community events and provided services to over 660 community members. The events included a community cleanup, a clothing drive, a spaghetti luncheon, a Halloween partnership with Stubbs School, a Thanksgiving dinner, a Winter Festival, and free laundry service at Supreme Laundromat. WST also hosted numerous meetings in the community.

Conclusion

In June of 2023, the Wilmington Street Team (WST) started canvassing the East Side and Prices Run to provide services to the residents of those communities. Since that time, crime in both areas has remained in decline. The members of WST respond to shootings and other serious events that take place in the City of Wilmington to disrupt the cycle of violence. Numerous community members have been able to feed their families, clothe them, and live a crime-free life because WST assisted with their needs being met. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, "One of the best ways to prevent crime is to provide more resources and support to low-income communities (2024)." With the support of the Wilmington City Council, the Mayor, and other significant stakeholders, WST will continue to serve the community.