

# TWO STRATEGIES

*for reducing*

# GUN VIOLENCE

Comparing Two Prominent Approaches for Reducing Violent Gun Injuries and Preserving Community Safety



Policing / Focused Deterrence	STRATEGY	Public Health / Norm Change
Boston Ceasefire, Boston Gun Project, Operation Peacekeeper, Group Violence Intervention.	PROGRAM NAMES	Cure Violence, Chicago-CeaseFire, Safe Streets, Save Our Streets, TRUCE, Operation S.N.U.G.
Police, prosecutors, and sometimes prisons. Social services, public health and faith partners. Outreach workers connect youth to jobs, school, etc.	KEY ELEMENTS	Staff incl. former offenders w/ neighborhood credibility. Social services, public health and faith partners. Outreach workers connect youth to jobs, school, etc.
Rely on authoritative anti-violent legal/social pressure. Cooperate closely and publicly with police. Focus on stopping most active groups/individuals. Use offender “call-ins” to deter those active in violence.	MAIN TACTICS	Rely on confidential relationships with local residents. Limited cooperation with police; rarely in public. Focus on changing social norms re. violence. Use direct interruption, mediation of active disputes.
Several quasi-experimental (non-RCT) studies. Strategy rated “ <i>promising</i> ” (crimesolutions.gov). Meta-analysis shows “moderate” positive effect. Boston program rated “ <i>effective</i> ” (crimesolutions.gov).	CURRENT STATE OF EVIDENCE	Several quasi-experimental (non-RCT) studies. Strategy rated “ <i>promising</i> ” (crimesolutions.gov).
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