



South Carolina Department of Public Safety -- Office of Justice Programs
PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
Progress Report

This report is **CUMULATIVE** and should include all activities for the **ENTIRE GRANT PERIOD**.

1. Project Grant #: **1P03010** Date this report was completed: **9/26/2005**
 Project Title: **Project Safe Neighborhoods Firearms Violence Investigator (Years 1 & 2)**

2. Current Report Period (Check One)

First Report (September 1, 2003 – February 28, 2004)
Report due April 1, 2004

Third Report (September 1, 2003 – February 28, 2005)
Report due April 1, 2005

Second Report (September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2004)
Report due October 1, 2004

Final Report (September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2005)
Report due October 15, 2005

3. Subgrantee/Recipient Contact Information

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4. Are all personnel hired?

Yes. List the names of the grant-funded personnel and dates hired onto this grant:

Clardy, Mike Investigator email: mclardy@cityofandersonsc.com
 (Date hired onto grant: 10/28/03)

McCombs, Jonathan (September 15, 2003 - October 22, 2003)

There has been a change in personnel since the last report and a new Certification of Additional Personnel Letter has been submitted.

No. State why not:

N/A -- there are no personnel on this grant.

Submit this report (ONE ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY) to:

*Mr. Stephen Fulmer, Manager
 Accounting-Grants
 S.C. Department of Public Safety
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5. Has all equipment been purchased?

Yes. List equipment and dates ordered and received (*GRANT YEAR TO DATE*):

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Date Ordered</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
Handgun	1/20/2004	1/30/2004
Shotgun	1/20/2004	1/30/2004
Fax	1/20/2004	1/21/2004
Projection Screen	1/20/2004	1/21/2004
Scanner	1/20/2004	1/21/2004
Copier	1/20/2004	1/21/2004
Camera	1/20/2004	2/10/2004
Camcorder	1/20/2004	3/10/2004
Projector	1/20/2004	2/10/2004
Crime Mapping System	1/20/2003	2/13/2004
Television	1/20/2004	1/30/2004
Computer	1/20/2004	1/26/2004
SUV Vehicle with Accessories	12/9/2003	12/9/2003
Cell Phone/Service	9/15/2003	9/15/2003
Beeper/Service	9/15/2003	9/15/2003
VCR	1/20/2004	4/19/2004
3 Cameras	1/20/2004	4/19/2004
Vehicle Radio	6/1/2004	7/12/2004
Ink Cartridges	6/1/2004	6/7/2004
On the Body Audio / Video Equipment	3/15/2005	4/5/2005
Audio Transmitter/ Recorder (Geonautics)	11/10/2004	4/25/2005
Video Tapes	8/8/2005	8/8/2005
Personal Recorder tapes	8/8/2005	8/8/2005
Office Supplies	8/8/2005	8/8/2005
Evidence Bags	8/9/2005	8/16/2005
Digital Phone Recorder	8/8/2005	8/8/2005

No. In the space above list those items that have been purchased, then in the space below state which items have not been purchased and why:

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Reason still need to be purchased</u>
Law Books	Investigator has computer access to law material
Body Armor	Investigator already had new body armor

N/A -- there is no equipment on this grant.

6. What specialized training have the grant-funded personnel received (*GRANT YEAR TO DATE*)?

<u>Name of Individual</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mike Clardy	Project Ceasefire PSN Enf	08/23-25/04	Myrtle Beach, SC
Mike Clardy	PSN Enforcement Training	09/14-15/04	Salt Lake City, UT
Mike Clardy	Detective & New Criminal Inv.	09/20-24/04	Reynoldsburg, OH
Mike Clardy	Project Ceasefire	01/21-23/04	Greenville, SC
Mike Clardy	Advanced Cognitive Interview	06/13-17/05	Glendale, CA
Mike Clardy	Criminal Case Management	06/21-23/05	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Mike Clardy	NASRO National Conference	07/10-15/05	Dallas, TX

* If a course has **not** been of benefit or is not recommended, please list below and state the reason why:

Project Objectives and Activities

7. What is being done to accomplish each of the project objectives?
 - 1) List each objective from page 9 of your grant application.
 - 2) Discuss in detail the activities being conducted to accomplish each objective. This is cumulative for the current grant year. Use plain white paper if additional space is needed.
 - 3) Update your discussion of the activities in each report.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Decrease the number of calls for service that involve individuals who are armed with firearms

Direct Patrol/Firearm Interdiction Patrols have been conducted with the Firearms Investigator and the use of Traffic and Uniform Patrol Units in high crime areas. Thus far, 159 guns have been seized or recovered, removed from the community, and are now inaccessible to criminal offenders. Of the 159 guns recovered, the Firearms Investigator was directly involved with the recovery of 83 of these weapons. There has been a reduction in calls for service involving both armed gunmen and armed robberies. A database of all recovered firearms has been created and maintained by the Investigator. All (100%) of the firearms recovered are traced to determine sources and crime patterns in both firearms sales and incident locations. Sixteen presentations on Firearm Violence were presented to 1015 students and 500 adults. The Firearms investigator participated in 2 television interviews and 3 newspaper interviews regarding the Project Safe Neighborhood grant and its resultant decrease on firearms violence in the community.

2. Increase knowledge of all members of the City of Anderson Police Department in the area of firearm violence

The Investigator routinely meets with members of all divisions and conducts training on Firearms related issues including Firearms laws, suspect identification and weapon identification. He is on-call daily for Firearm related calls for service. The Investigator routinely rides with members of other divisions to both train in areas of firearm crimes and deter the use of firearms in crime. The Investigator has compiled a database of known gang affiliates to combat the rising trend of juvenile violence and firearm trafficking. The Investigator has developed a 1.5 hour power point presentation on firearm violence and illegal narcotics and 6 additional presentations for training with school and civic groups. He also has an additional 1 hour power point presentation on Gang Violence.

3. Increase the knowledge of the investigator assigned to this program by their attending at least two training sessions /seminars during the grant period

The Investigator has currently attended 7 PSN related classes in Greenville, SC, Myrtle Beach, SC, Salt Lake City, UT, Reynoldsburg, OH., Glendale, CA., Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Dallas, TX. In addition, the investigator has attended *Specific Skills Training* to become certified to teach through the SC Criminal Justice Academy and NCIC training to further enhance his skills.

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4. Increase coordination and cooperation among other agencies in the Northwest corner of South Carolina

The Anderson Police Department currently has mutual aid agreements with all neighboring jurisdictions including Iva, Clemson, Pendleton, Pelzer, Williamston, Belton, Easley, Anderson County, Oconee County, and Pickens County and others. The investigator routinely communicates and works with these agencies. The Investigator meets weekly with the Special Agent of the ATF who is the assigned liaison to this jurisdiction. Together, the Investigator and the ATF S/A prepare cases for Federal Prosecution as mentioned in objective 1.

5. Decrease, at all levels of court, the number of repeat offenders who go on to commit additional violent crimes with firearms

With the recent implementation of an integrated records management system, The Anderson Police Department now creates "jackets" on individuals who are arrested or become suspects in a crime. The Investigator, who is trained on the system, utilizes it to check records on suspects' involvement with firearms related incidents. NCIC criminal histories are reviewed on all suspects as well as each incident report generated within the APD jurisdiction.

6. Increase the number of weapons violations cases investigated and prosecuted in City, General Sessions, and Federal Court

With the inception of the PSN Grant, the Investigator and his resources are effectively used to investigate and prosecute firearm related crimes. By debriefing suspects, interviewing victims and witnesses, conducting criminal background checks, tracing firearms, and other investigative initiatives, 179 incidents have been investigated, 115 arrests were made, 170 charges levied, 101 convictions were achieved, and 67 cases are pending. The availability of the Investigator 24 hours per day provides all divisions with assistance in firearms related incidents.

7. Develop and Maintain a Memorandum of Understanding with other/outside agencies

With the mutual aid agreement between neighboring jurisdictions and combined efforts with the ATF, the Investigator has been able to provide and receive investigative leads and manpower leading to arrests and convictions.

8. Identify and Prosecute illegal gun distributors and "straw" purchasers

The Firearms Investigator has added 4 additional Federal Cases for adoption to the report during this period and currently is under a Nondisclosure Agreement from the US Attorney's Office with regards to a multi-state operation with the ATF Task Force which began in this jurisdiction. Additional information will be provided when legally permissible.

8. What activities are components of your program?

Check all that apply:

- Investigation of Crimes Involving Firearms
- Firearm Safety Awareness/Education Presentations
- Public Service Announcements/Ads
- Crime Watch Programs
- National Incident Based Reporting Systems (NIBRS)
- Firearm Examinations
- Handgun Purchase Database
- Other (Explain) _____

9. For NCIC Projects Only

179 Number of incidents investigated
115 Number of persons investigated
 Adults: 95 Juveniles: 20
170 Total number of charges
 State: Adults: 123 Juveniles 28
 Federal: Adults: 19 Juveniles 0
168 Total number of cases prosecuted
 State: Adults: 113 Juveniles 28
 Federal: Adults: 27 Juveniles 0
101 Total number of convictions
 State: Adults: 57 Juveniles 25
 Federal: Adults: 19 Juveniles 0

Types of Crimes committed by firearms:

Drive-by-Shooting (Applebee's) A&B / ABWIK / ABHAN
 Drug-Trafficking SC Gun Law Violation
 Possession of F/A Under 21 Federal Charges (No Details
 Possession of F/A w/ S/N Removed Per Fed Non-Disclosure)

10. For Firearms Safety Awareness/Education Presentation Projects Only

_____ Total number of presentations
 _____ Total number of attendees
 Adults: _____ Juveniles _____

List the date, location and topic for each presentation on a separate sheet of paper.

11. For Public Service Announcement (PSA) Projects Only

_____ Number of PSAs created
 _____ Number of times PSAs aired

Channels /stations airing PSAs:

12. For Crime Watch Program Projects Only

_____ Number of contacts/inquiries about program
 _____ Number of Crime Watch presentations made
 _____ Number of Crime Watch Programs started

13. For Handgun Purchase Database Only

_____ Date backlog eliminated
 _____ Number of handgun purchase forms entered
 Number of requests for handgun purchase information
 _____ By law enforcement agencies
 _____ By citizens for insurance claim purposes
 _____ Number of criminal records checks performed because approval was denied by the FBI National Instant Check System.
 _____ Number of charges for providing false information for purchase of a handgun as a result of these criminal records checks.

14. Briefly discuss any noteworthy activities or incidents that took place during the last report period which have not been mentioned elsewhere in this report. (If there has been any media coverage, please attach copies.)

14a. Shortly after the first PSN firearms investigator - Jonathan McCombs - was placed into the grant funded position he identified a gun-runner who also trafficked dangerous controlled substances. The individual was also involved in receiving firearms from a burglary at a local sporting goods store where several guns were sent to New York to be sold on the street. Two undercover New York officers were shot while attempting to purchase guns from the dealers in their jurisdiction. A joint investigation between ATF and the Anderson Police Department resulted in the execution of a search warrant at the perp's residence. The warrant yielded a large quantity of firearms and cocaine.

In 2004, our firearms investigator was involved in an investigation resulting in the seizure of four firearms associated with a potential drug trafficking scenario. Also in 2004, the firearms investigator was involved with the investigation of a local business (White Jones) where in two separate incidents burglars gained entry through the roof and removed 32 firearms. During the 3rd reporting period, the Investigator filed a Federal Case against an armed career criminal who subsequently pled guilty to 10 years rather than face the possibility of 30 years if the case had went to trial. In the 2004 year, there were 19 cases adopted by the ATF which led to 19 convictions. The Investigator also worked a stolen firearm case in which the unknown suspect was identified and the weapon was actually recovered the same day.

14b. Most recently, the Investigator worked directly with officers from the Anderson Police Department and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office to execute a search warrant and recover 2 firearms believed to have been used in a gang related shootout at a local Applebee's restaurant where over 40 rounds were discharged including one which struck a restaurant patron. The weapons were hidden in a location outside the Investigator's jurisdiction.

11. **CERTIFICATION:** I understand that any deviation from the programmatic or financial plans in the approved grant must first receive prior written approval from the Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs before implementation. As an authorized individual agreeing to comply with the general and fiscal terms and conditions including special conditions of this grant, I certify the information contained in this report is accurate and, to the best of my knowledge, program expenditures and activities are in compliance with the approved grant and federal/state regulations.

Project Director
(Signature of Project Director as listed in the grant award)

Kevin G. Marsee, Captain (Special Operations)

Typed Name and Title

Monday, September 26, 2005

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