

Anti-Crime Initiative Aims to Curb Violence

Feb. 6, 2018 – A notification meeting will be held Tuesday evening for about a dozen selected violent offenders who will be offered a wide array of social services to help them change their criminal behavior, said Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Amy Weirich, chair of Operation: Safe Community-3 (OSC-3).

A second component of the face-to-face meeting, called Operation Comeback, involves federal, state and local law enforcement representatives personally promising to hold them accountable for any future crimes with swift and severe prosecution and punishment.

The Focused Deterrence anti-crime initiative has been used in other cities and is designed to help offenders leave their lives of crime by providing them with immediate help with education, job training and placement, housing, substance-abuse counseling and other assistance.

Operation Comeback is part of the OSC-3 five-year plan to reduce violent crime in Memphis and Shelby County.

Offenders selected for the program are on probation or parole, and were given letters requiring their attendance at tonight's call-in meeting.

Offenders will not be identified by name or photographically during the meeting. Also, space is limited so a pool arrangement may be necessary for cameras. Officials will hold a brief press conference following the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Tennessee Day Reporting Center at 1991 Corporate Ave. Suite 600 in Whitehaven.

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