

Statement of Purpose and Function

The mission of the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee is to identify significant contributing factors to crime – and in particular violent crime – and oversee preventive and intervention measures that are vetted to assure:

- (a) all programs and actions are focused and effective in reducing or eliminating crime;
- (b) measurable outcomes are established so effectiveness can be clearly assessed;
- (c) all work is cost effective.

Recognizing that the need is great, resources are limited and there are many potential actions that could be undertaken, the Oversight Committee will be guided by the following considerations:

1. Greatest impact on spiraling violent crime. In first steps, priority will be given to programs that offer greatest, immediate impact on spiraling violent crime, reestablishing neighborhood safety and supporting positive youth development.
2. Program term. Analysis of causative factors and proposed actions and programs should be strategically categorized as near term and long term. Allocation of resources and action should be undertaken accordingly.
3. Programs that yield greatest and most sustainable results. Priority should be given to quality programs that will yield the greatest and sustainable results as opposed to attempting to address every issue with little or no positive results. In that regard, communities and issues should be identified that are most ready and suitable for intervention so best immediate results can be achieved.