

CITY OF BALTIMORE

Stefanie Mavronis
Director



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD
SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT

2700 Rayner Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216
monse.baltimorecity.gov

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) Quarterly Public Report

FY '26 - Quarter 1

Period: July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025

Table of Contents

[MONSE FY '26 Q1](#)

Agency Formation and Hiring	3
MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane	4
Community Violence Intervention	4
Group Violence Reduction Strategy	5
Victim Services	6
Community Engagement and Opportunity	7
Policy and Research	7
Grants and Contracting	8

MONSE FY '26 Q1

In Quarter 1 of 2026, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)'s focus continued to be on maintaining the work of the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan (CVPP). Upon completing the finishing year of the CVPP, MONSE remains committed to ensuring that all programs and agencies are working cohesively and diligently to co-produce public safety. The agency has begun working on a new five-year CVPP that focuses on revision and strengthening of systems and programs that serve Baltimore in the following quarters.

Agency Formation and Hiring

This quarter, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement onboarded staff in the following roles across the agency:

- Intern to support the Intimate Partner Violence Prevention team.
- Three YouthWorks interns.
- Monitors for the Visitation Center.

Major milestones for the agency during this period include:

- Completed expansion of the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) into the Baltimore Police Department's Southern District.
- Successful facilitation of National Night Out events across all Baltimore City Districts.
- Collaborated with the public to conduct feedback sessions on the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard (PSAD), evaluating usage and clarity of the dashboard.
- Launched the School-Based Violence Intervention Program within 4 Baltimore City high schools for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
- Led and continued stabilization efforts in Penn/North, connecting residents with resources following the mass overdose event that occurred.
- Supported and facilitated back-to-school events for students in addition to offering re-entry and resource services.
- Facilitated Safe Summer 2025 events in the months of July and August.

- Joined Mayor Brandon Scott, Governor Wes Moore, Safe Streets, Roca, the PEACE Team, and law enforcement partners for a community walk in Park Heights.
- Participated in and supported the 2025 B'More Youth Summit flag football game with community violence intervention partners and the Baltimore Ravens.
- Completion of training for new hires of Safe Streets.

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Community Violence Intervention

MONSE's Community Violence Intervention (CVI) team develops and implements strategies to shift the culture of gun violence in Baltimore City, with a focus on partnerships and coordination both with fellow City agencies, national organizations, and local stakeholders. MONSE engages high-risk communities in the pursuit of prevention and intervention in violence that could result in a shooting or homicide.

In this quarter, MONSE's CVI team:

- Supported Safe Streets Shooting Responses in:
 - Park Heights
 - Belair Edison
 - Woodbourne-McCabe
 - Cherry Hill
 - Brooklyn
 - McElderry Park
- Addressed data entry requirements and participated in conflict mapping with all 10 Safe Streets sites after an evaluation was conducted.
 - Continued to facilitate Safe Streets staff training on proper data collection, interpretation, and entry practices in MONSE's case management system.
 - Established SSB office hours to help with staff inquiries.

- Updated CVI manual and shared changes with Community Based Organizations and CVI staff.
- Established School-Based Violence Intervention Program data tracking of mediations, restorative conversations, and incidents, thereby guiding strategic focus.
 - Held a SBVIP leadership training for new staff at Mergenthaler Highschool with the PEACE Team at the MONSE office.
- Continued the implementation of Quarterly Leadership Meetings with site directors, supervisors, and program managers to discuss weekly report trends while gathering feedback for continuous improvement.
- Meeting conducted with all 10 Safe Streets to discuss the future of funding for FY'26.
- Successful facilitation of Penn North hiring panel for Safe Streets.
- Completed site visits at Johns Hopkins Hospital with the Break the Cycle team and interagency coordination for funding inquiries.
- Attended Cherry Hill public listening session.

Group Violence Reduction Strategy

In January 2022, the City of Baltimore launched the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) in partnership with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and prosecutors. This proven strategy aims to address the norms perpetuating violence in Baltimore by focusing resources on individuals identified as being at the highest acute risk of involvement in gun violence.

MONSE's GVRS team works to coordinate all GVRS partners, develop outreach strategies for potential participants, and collaborate with service providers to ensure participants at the highest risk of violence are provided the resources they need to stay safe, alive, and free.

In this quarter, MONSE's GVRS team:

- Was honored at the 9th Annual Cherry Hill Arts & Music Waterfront festival.
- Expanded GVRS to the Southern District in partnership with Community Moral Voices, BPD, and prosecutors.
- Worked with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to prepare custom notification protocols for GVRS subjects preparing to return from incarceration.

Victim Services

Every shooting and violent incident leaves behind a web of trauma – for the victim, as well as bystanders, families, neighbors, and even the perpetrators of violence. MONSE’s Victim Services team has laid a foundation for intentional coordination with a trauma-informed approach, which is now supported by a fully-staffed lane.

In this quarter, MONSE’s Victim Services team:

- Hosted, supported, and attended a series of events to promote the well-being of those affected by violence:
 - Conducted preliminary planning for the 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kick-Off event at Coppin State University.
- Supported and assisted victims of violence.
- Created Victim Services Dashboard in collaboration with data team, tracking IPV occurrences and deaths.
- MONSE Victim Services staff and director collaborated with and supported Moms Demand Action for a gun lock distribution event in August 2025.
- Produced a series of Break the Silence videos to be released during Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a focus on bringing awareness to IPV prevention training for professionals.
- IPV team and multi-agency collaboration for Cherry Hill initiative “Focus on Family” event and resource fair.
- Continued with the implementation of VS Tracking sheet for MONSE/BPD/SAO.
- Presented IPV assessments at Johns Hopkins University in healthcare and evaluating, assessing, and measuring domestic violence deaths, particularly at the intersection of IPV and maternal mortality.

Community Engagement and Opportunity

Dedicated to the co-production of public safety in all of Baltimore’s neighborhoods, the Community Engagement and Opportunity team partners with residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and City agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

This team leads the agency's collaborative efforts in youth justice, re-entry, community healing, social and emotional development, coordinated neighborhood stabilization response, and other associated work.

MONSE's Community Engagement and Opportunity team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Conducted a Northwestern District Blitz in the Reisterstown/Belvedere area.
- The Re-entry Action Council began preliminary recruitment.
 - Re-entry Action Council attended the Public Safety Hearing on September 23, 2025, providing testimony from a returning citizen and Re-entry Action Council members.
- Connected individuals at Penn North with resources, including Narcan and food directly from the Maryland Food Bank.
- Fully reviewed and assessed former Side Step pilot procedures as part of plan to scale Youth Diversion work and drafted new assessment and intake forms for clients.
 - Planned and implemented service provider and agency partner engagement sessions to ensure effective referral pathways and resource delivery to youth while establishing additional data collection protocols.
- Peace Mobile completed repairs and was successfully deployed to stabilization sites.
 - 50+ individuals were engaged on the bus as part of the Penn North CNSR.

MONSE activated stabilization efforts and community responses in the following areas:

- The Mosher neighborhood, following a fatal police-involved shooting.
 - The Mosher stabilization effort was closed out on August 8th, 2025.
- Park Heights, following the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old.
- 2500 Edmondson Ave, following a mass shooting incident on June 23, 2025.
 - The 2500 Edmondson Ave stabilization was closed out on August 18th, 2025.

- Penn/North on July 11th, 2025, in response to a mass overdose event that occurred on July 10th, 2025.
- Wilkens and McHenry on July 3rd, 2025, in response to a mass shooting that occurred on June 23rd, 2025.
- Queensbury and Spaulding, in response to a mass shooting that occurred on August 9th, 2025.
- Wylie Avenue on July 21st, 2025, in response to safety concerns within the community.
- 5400 York Rd on August 18th, 2025, following safety concerns of individuals in the area.

Grants and Contracting

MONSE received Board of Estimates (BOE) approval for the following contracts, grant award acceptances, and agreements:

- ***Mercy Hospital – \$75,000 (Term: 10/01/2024 - 6/30/2025).*** *The Anti-Human Trafficking Grant to further the work to eliminate human trafficking violence in our communities.*

July 2, 2025

- ***Baltimore P.E.A.C.E Team, LLC – \$40,000 (Term:7/1/2024-6/30/2025).*** *An increase of funding in the amount of \$40,000 to the P.E.A.C.E team was allocated.*

July 16, 2025

- ***I am MENTality – \$100,000 (Term: 3/1/2025-6/30/2025).***
- ***The Abell Foundation Warrant Service Analyst Grant – \$39,516 – (Term: 6/12/2023-6/30/2025).***

August 6, 2025

- ***Baltimore City Safe Streets Criminal Justice Program (BCSS) – \$3.6M (Term: 7/1/25 - 6/30/26).*** *MONSE and the Safe Streets program were awarded grants amounting to \$3.6M in quarter 1 of FY 2026. This funding will continue to support the community violence prevention work that Safe Streets is piloting in Baltimore City communities. Furthermore, the MONSE Community Violence*

Intervention team will have the capacity to interview and hire additional staff to maintain and carry out the duties of the Safe Streets program with this grant.

- ***Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP) – \$118,125 (Term: 7/1/25 - 6/30/26).*** *In the FY of 2026, the Maryland Governor's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program extended funding for the violence intervention and prevention work conducted by MONSE officials and staff.*
- ***Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – \$462,702 (Term: 7/1/25 - 6/30/26).*** *In the FY of 2026, MONSE was granted funding through the Victims of Crime Act. With this financial support, MONSE plans to further develop and facilitate supportive programming for victims of crime. The MONSE Victim Services Lane will oversee the organization of this programming in order to ensure that victims of violence in Baltimore City receive comprehensive and tailored support.*