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'PROJECT ACT' UPDATE

On June 1st, 2017 the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department implemented a Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) in the Central Avenue corridor area of Kansas City, KS. The special program was titled 'Project ACT' by the department.

This program seeks to lower crime and reduce vehicle accidents in certain hot spot areas which is calculated based on the inflation of crime combined with traffic accidents. The primary goal is to increase police presence and visibility via traffic enforcement and positive community interactions to deter criminal behavior and encourage safer driving habits.

Program highlights include:

- No homicides in the designated Project ACT zone compared to 6 at this time last year.
- Drive by shootings are down from 27 at this time in 2016 to only 13 so far in 2017.
- Property crimes are down 34%.
- Accidents decreased this summer 21.1 % from last summer.
- We made over 1000 traffic stops in the zone and 48% of those stops were warning tickets.
- Towed over 300 abandoned cars.
- Cleaned up city parks and participated in over a dozen community events in the project area.

The Project ACT program will remain in effect for the next 12 months, at that time we will reassess to determine further implementation.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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