

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

If Increasing Demands and Limited Resources

Law enforcement executives need to prioritize the competing demands for the delivery of a myriad of police services and make difficult choices every day to deliver them. The scope of these demands continues to expand, while at the same time they face increasing operating costs and diminishing resources. This conflict between available resources and priorities has been particularly detrimental to traffic law enforcement and to crime prevention. Understandably, following the tragedy of September 11, 2001, homeland security measures and violent crime reduction have been predominant issues.

Strategic Operations Can Maximize Resources

A number of law enforcement agencies around the country have developed strategies that are not only more efficient in addressing their range of needs but are also more effective in impacting overall community quality of life. These agencies have discovered the benefits of using locally driven initiatives and integrated operations. The foundation of these strategies is accurate and timely local data. This information is translated into an effective and fluid action plan designed to reduce crime and crashes. The strategy is based on the confluence of traffic incidents and crime and the opportunity to address both issues through common interventions.

Partnership on Crime and Traffic Enforcement

In an unprecedented partnership, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance are joining forces to improve the quality of life within local communities by demonstrating *Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety*. Working with non-Federal partners including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National District Attorneys Association, the National Criminal Justice Association, the American Probation and Parole Association and the Governors Highway Safety Association, our organizations will demonstrate, promote and facilitate a local law enforcement operational strategy built around:

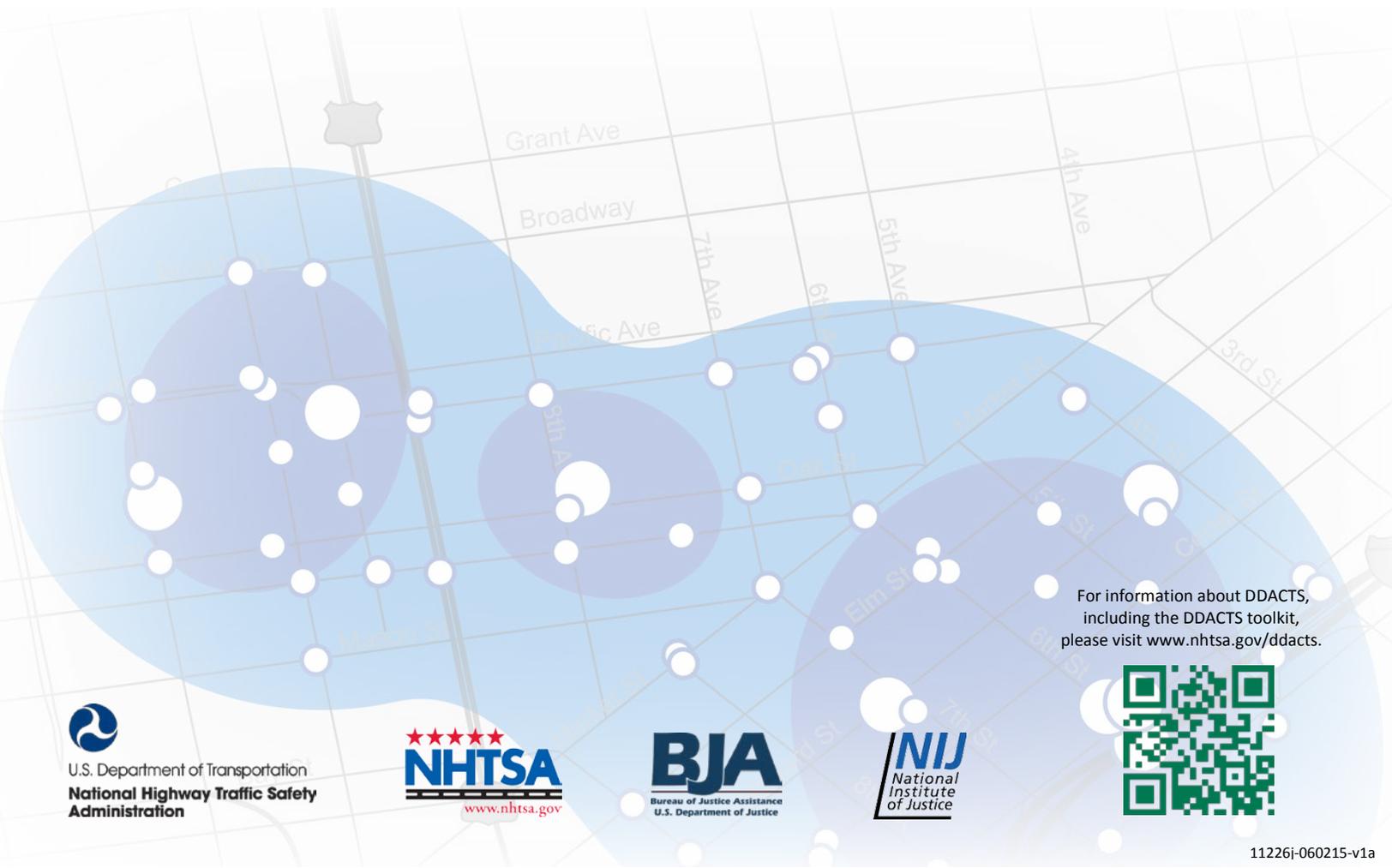
- Timely and accurate data collection and analysis
- Identification of the nexus of crime & traffic safety
- Coalition of local partnerships including the full range of stakeholders
- Integrated and strategic operations to extend resources & maximize impact

Action Plan

To move this strategy forward, our partnership is developing a demonstration program that will model the *Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety*. This strategic endeavor will be offered to law enforcement agencies nationwide to assist them in the development, implementation and evaluation of their individual locally driven initiatives.

This assistance will consist of NHTSA's and BJA's support of data collection and analysis combined with intelligence-led policing initiatives. The project will be further enhanced by our partners' support and assistance of local justice innovation.

For additional information and technical assistance regarding this strategy, please contact the Enforcement and Justice Services Division at 202-366-1810.



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