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City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention Takes Community Approach to End Violence in Milwaukee *Community-led safety strategy sessions to take action against a deadly August*

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, August 22nd, the City of Milwaukee Health Department Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) will host the second Community Safety Strategy Session from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the UWM School of Public Health. The purpose of this strategy session is to identify and build upon community-led efforts to reduce violence in the city. The community will discuss progress, current efforts, and concrete ways to take collective action to end violence.

“Goal six of our Blueprint for Peace is to strengthen coordination of violence prevention efforts in the city,” said Reggie Moore, Director of OVP. “These strategy sessions are an impactful way to bring residents together to do the necessary work to put an end to the violence.”

The first Community Safety Strategy Session brought out over 100 community members, leaders, and organizations to discuss ways to address the recent string of violence our community has faced this month. After averaging about one homicide per day for 15 days in August, the city went four days without a single homicide on the Northside of Milwaukee following the first strategy session.

“What this shows is that community-led efforts and strategies are working. The work that we’re doing has a positive impact in our community and we must continue to push a lifestyle of peace,” said Reggie Moore.

Ongoing outreach in neighborhoods most impacted by violence will continue throughout August. OVP is sponsoring or participating in a number of upcoming events to promote peace in the city of Milwaukee.

Community Safety Strategy Session

Wednesday, August 22nd
UWM School of Public Health
1240 N 10th St, Milwaukee
5:00pm – 7:00pm

We Got This Community Garden Summer Celebration

Saturday, August 25th
Borchert Field, corner of 9th and Ring St
9:00am – 12:00pm

Stand for Peace

Saturday, August 25th
Tiefenthaler Park, 27th and Center St
5:00pm – 9:00pm

Heal the Hood

Sunday, August 26th
Moody Park, 24th and Burleigh St
12:00 – 6:00pm

Media is welcomed and encouraged at these events.

For more information about OVP efforts and the Blueprint for Peace, visit www.414LIFE.com

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