



**Team McGreevey's**

# **COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN**

Ensuring Accountability & Action for a Safer Jersey City



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# Ensuring Accountability and Action

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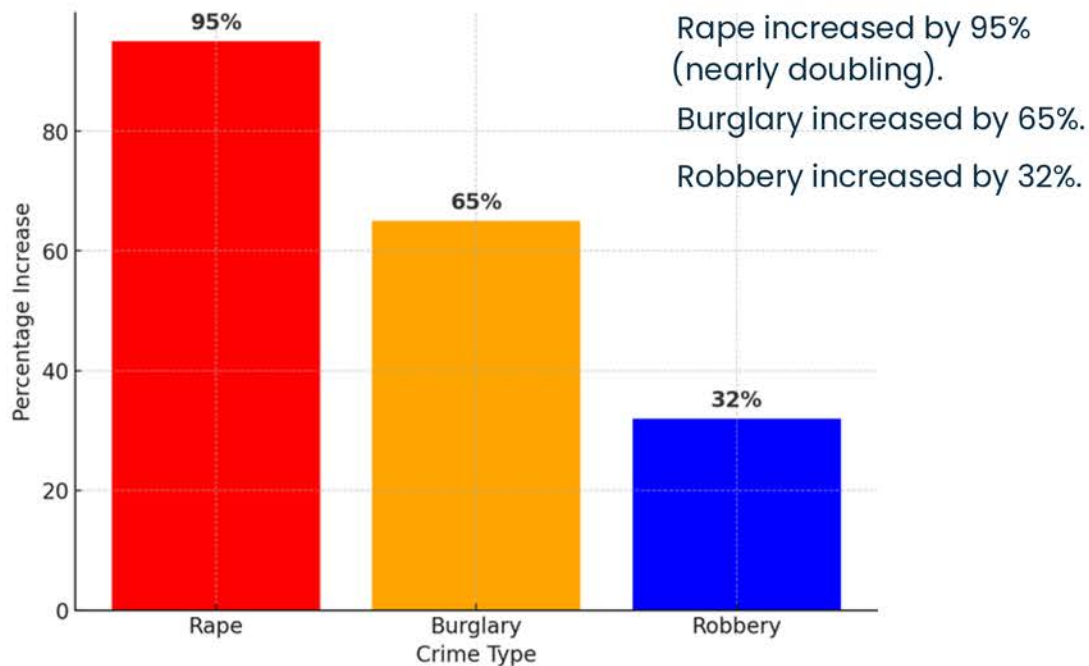
## DATA ACCOUNTABILITY

I will request updated Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data from the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) regularly and ensure the JCPD website reflects all crime categories reported—no omissions.

- On November 13, 2024, I asked Public Safety Director Shea to release the CompStat crime data. He failed to respond. ([\*\*Read more\*\*](#))
- On December 5, 2024, Jersey City released its Annual Crime Report—yet rape was not listed, despite a 95% increase in reported cases from 2023-2024.
- The JCPD website still features outdated crime data from September 2024, failing to include key crime categories such as rape. ([\*\*See here\*\*](#))

# CRIME TRENDS

Recent data obtained through an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request submitted on January 31, 2025, revealed alarming trends in Jersey City:



## To combat this, we must:

Improve street lighting citywide with LED street light installations to enhance visibility and deter crime, particularly to address rape.

Expand real-time crime monitoring and implement more proactive policing strategies, particularly to address burglaries.

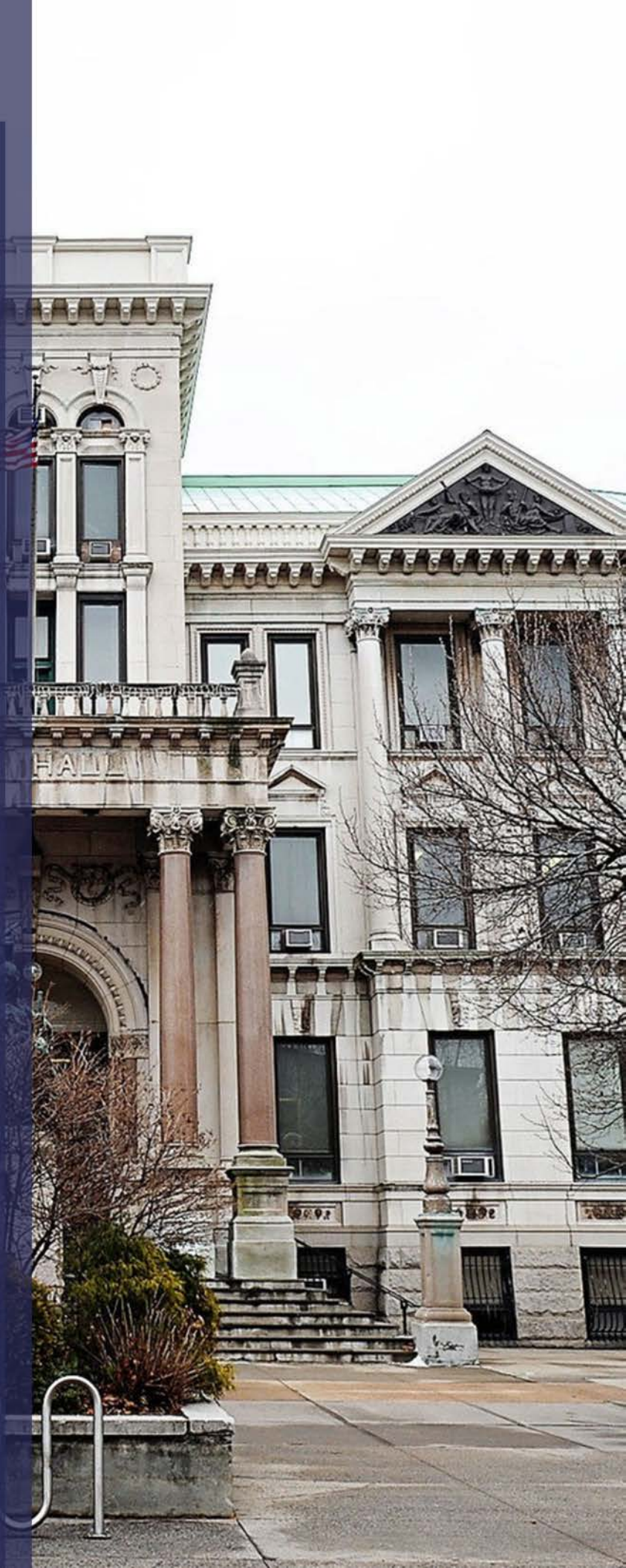
Strengthen neighborhood watch programs and foster better communication between communities and law enforcement, particularly to address robberies.

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## TRANSPARENCY

We must commit to greater accessibility, structured leadership, and a particularized focus on community engagement. Key reforms include **(1) updating the JCPD website** to provide real-time crime data and greater accessibility to policies and procedures and **(2) establishing a structured command system** with clear leadership and response responsibilities so residents know who to contact for assistance.

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## TIMELINESS

A resident's first interaction with JCPD often begins at our 911 call center. Improving response times, implementing best practices, and enhancing coordination between civilian call-takers and uniformed police are critical.

We must **(3) modernize the 911 Call Center** with enhanced training, technology, and protocols, **(4) implement mobile data terminals (MDTs) in patrol cars** to improve real-time situational awareness, and **(5) deploy automated license plate readers (ALPRs) to identify stolen or dangerous vehicles proactively, before crimes escalate.**

# TRUST

To “bridge the gap” between residents and law enforcement, we must:

**(6) Establish mobile police stations** that are easily accessible to the public, allowing “real-time” problem-solving.

**(7) Staff school resource officers (SROs)** under the JCPD Juvenile Bureau to support at-risk youth, improve attendance, and foster positive mentorship.



# TRAFFIC SAFETY

Jersey City must vigorously implement Vision Zero and commit to eliminating traffic fatalities through the work of the JCPD. We must establish:

(8) A **Traffic Enforcement Bureau** for stricter traffic law enforcement.;

(9) **JCPD Walking and Biking Units** to improve pedestrian safety;

(10) A **Tractor Trailer Inspection and Enforcement Unit** to correct improperly routed and parked trucks, regulate truck routes to prevent damage to our roadways and property, and address overnight parking violations; and

(11) A **Motorcycle Squad** to manage traffic flow in congested areas and regulate e-bikes.

Additionally, we will (12) **reestablish visible Residential and Business Parking Permits** to improve parking enforcement, (13) **mandate e-bike licensing and registration** to enhance accountability, and (14) **install cameras in school zones** to better protect children by monitoring traffic and ensuring compliance with speed limits.

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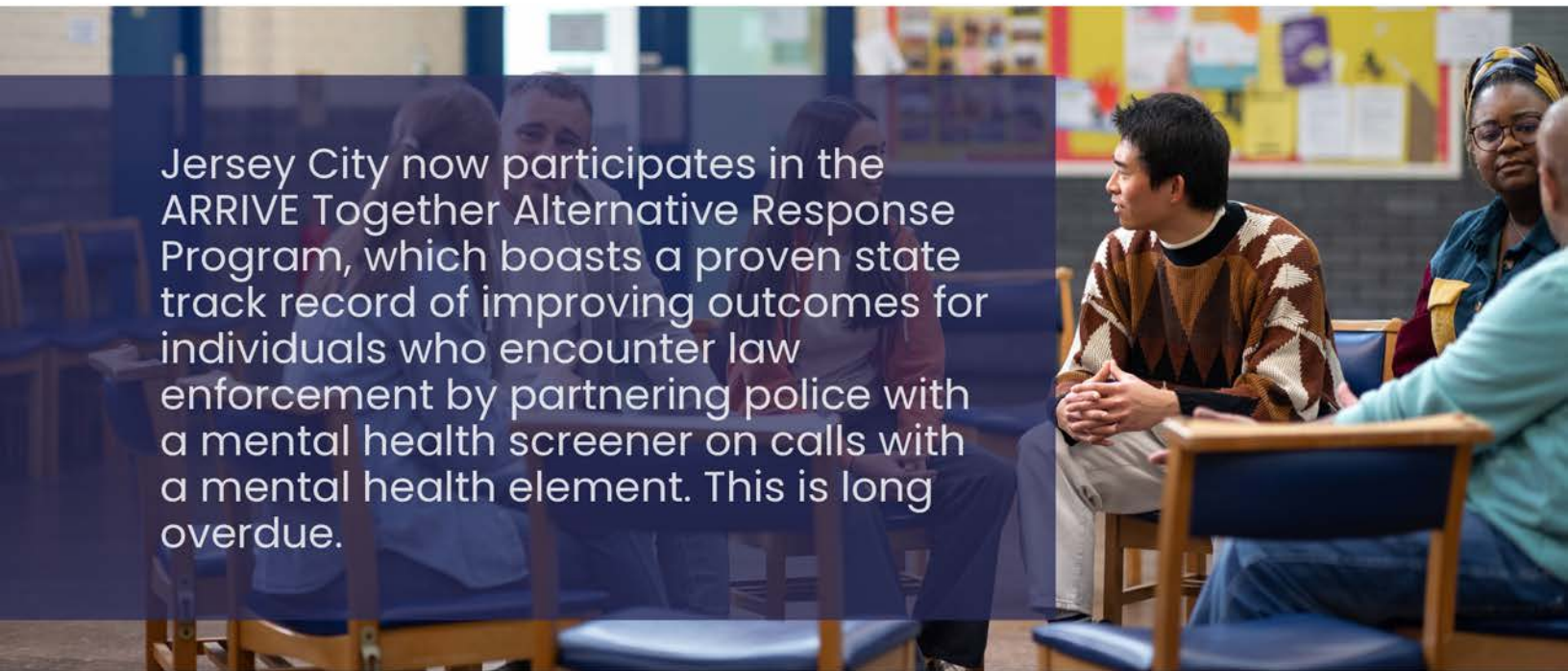
## PROTECTING BUSINESSES

Businesses have expressed concerns over burglaries and robberies. Adhering to best practices, we will **(15) implement Detroit's Project Green Light**, which installed high-definition surveillance cameras in businesses throughout the City to deter crime, enhance public safety, and provide real-time monitoring for faster police response.

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# MENTAL HEALTH AND POLICING

We must recognize the challenges facing our police department, namely, improving the effectiveness of the **JCPD** while responding to our neighbors' legitimate **mental healthcare needs**.

A photograph showing a group of diverse individuals sitting in a circle of blue chairs in a community room. They appear to be engaged in a discussion or meeting. The room has a bulletin board with various papers and notices in the background.

Jersey City now participates in the ARRIVE Together Alternative Response Program, which boasts a proven state track record of improving outcomes for individuals who encounter law enforcement by partnering police with a mental health screener on calls with a mental health element. This is long overdue.

In addition, Jersey City received the **Seabrooks-Washington Grant**, named in part after Andrew Washington of Jersey City. The implementation of the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) pilot program, concurrent with ARRIVE Together, is intended to provide more **robust and appropriate responses** to mental health emergencies. **(16) We must operationalize ARRIVE Together and the CCRT** to complement and inform public safety services.

Jersey City must work to develop **(17) Mental Health Step-Down Units** to provide safe and secure treatment facilities for the mentally ill and homeless.



## CONCLUSION

As my grandfather, uncle, and cousin served with JCPD, I am committed to strengthening the numbers, professionalism, and trust with which our police department and neighbors share these 21 square miles we call home.



To execute this plan, Jersey City requires a Mayor and Council Team that will give the measure of their life's work to be hands-on in implementing the strategy above to make our families and children safer while building a healthier partnership between our friends and neighbors and those who serve JCPD.



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