



New Orleans Safe City Initiative

Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar

January 28, 2010

RECOMMENDATIONS

Criminal Justice and Fiscal Processes

- Direct criminal justice agencies to submit uniform budget information and budget requests to the Mayor and the City Council.
- Ensure that if the City continues to invest in budgeting for outcomes, that it uses the process fully and appropriately, including publishing all outcomes that are sought for public review and comment.
- Insist on data-driven criminal justice policies that drive toward enumerated goals.
- Establish a high quality, knowledge-based criminal justice agency with the authority, staffing, and support necessary to bring about real change and improve public safety.

Criminal Justice Initiatives

- Focus all criminal justice resources more on addressing serious and violent crime and less on minor offenses.
- Reduce the arrest and jail detention rates to move closer to the national average.
- Modernize the Criminal District Court by establishing an allotment system that allows for vertical prosecution and continuity of defense representation.
- Transform the Municipal Court to focus more on addressing the underlying problems of persons who commit minor offenses and to rely less on incarceration and punishment.
- Create a pretrial release/pretrial services system in the Criminal District Court.