



## EXECUTIVE ORDER #21-001

### **CITY OF FLINT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON GUN VIOLENCE- ESTABLISH THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) FOR TRAUMATIC EVENTS AND COORDINATE SERVICES BETWEEN THE FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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Sheldon A. Neeley  
Mayor

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2021, I issued a local Declaration of Emergency in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Act 390 of 1976 and Flint City Ordinance §14-5, to address gun violence. This Order declared a State of Emergency to exist in the City of Flint because of gun violence. Gun violence poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of all residents of the City of Flint; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Flint has been disproportionately affected by the direct and indirect consequences of gun violence; and homicides numbers are up 30.43% compared to this time in 2020; and to date there have been 39 homicides perpetrated and an 80% increase in non-fatal shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, Consistent with the Flint City Charter Declaration of Rights, “The people of Flint have mandated that the City shall provide for public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property in the City; and they require that City officers promote respect for these rights and freedoms;” and

**WHEREAS**, to address safety issues forthwith, to protect the public health and safety of City of Flint residents, it is necessary for the City to establish the emergency response team (ERT) for traumatic events and coordinate services between the Flint Police Department and mental health professionals to serve the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELDON A. NEELEY**, Mayor of the City of Flint with the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Flint by law, I issue the following Executive Order to establish the emergency response team (ERT) for traumatic events and coordinate services between the Flint Police Department and mental health professionals to serve the community.

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. I issue Order 21-001 as reasonably and necessary to establish the emergency response team (ERT) for traumatic events and coordinate services between the Flint Police Department and mental health professionals to serve the community.
2. The City develop the Emergency Response Team (ERT) for Traumatic Events, consisting of specially trained law enforcement officers and detectives whose primary purpose is to respond to cases that could involve mental health concerns,

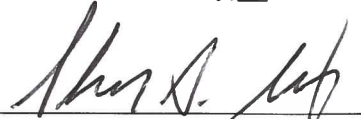
and address the issues considering both criminal justice and behavioral health. This mobile crisis team will also be comprised of medical professionals, child advocacy professionals, resource coordinators, social-workers, community liaisons, and clergy as appropriate, who will provide mental-health services at a person's home, at the scene, or current location.

3. This unit will be tasked with including, but not limited to responding to mental health crisis calls, de-escalating situations, and preventing retaliatory actions from individuals in distress who are threatening self-harm or harm toward others.
4. There would be coordination between the Flint Police Department and mental health professionals for wrap-around services.
5. Training be established for the Emergency Response Team for Traumatic Events.
6. Funding be used to implement Executive Order 21-001 in accordance with MCL 30.410(1)(c).
7. I request that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners allocate funds for the City of Flint to address mental health concerns in policing and call a Special Meeting to take action supporting this local State of Emergency consistent with the following Community Mental Health Millage Focus Areas 1 and 2.
  - a. Law Enforcement/First Response CIT Mental Health Response Team
  - b. Law Enforcement/Mental Health Co-Response and Jail Diversion

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not; create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Flint, its departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

Effective Date: July 23, 2021, nunc pro tunc

  
Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer