



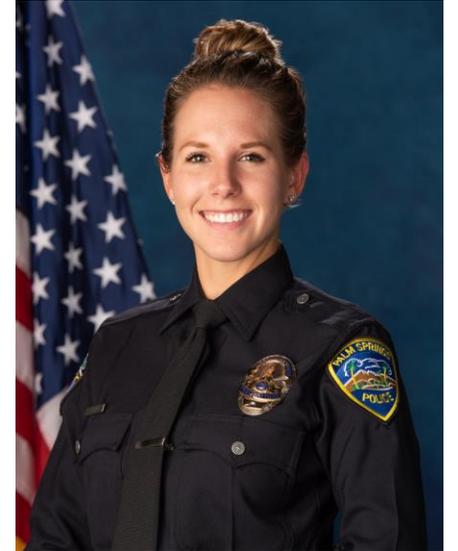




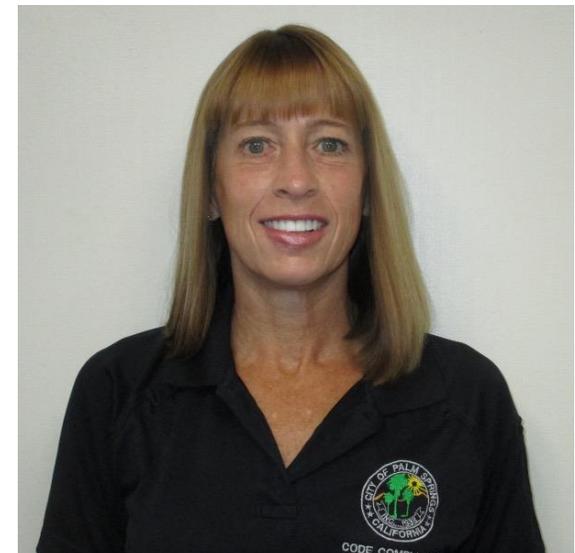
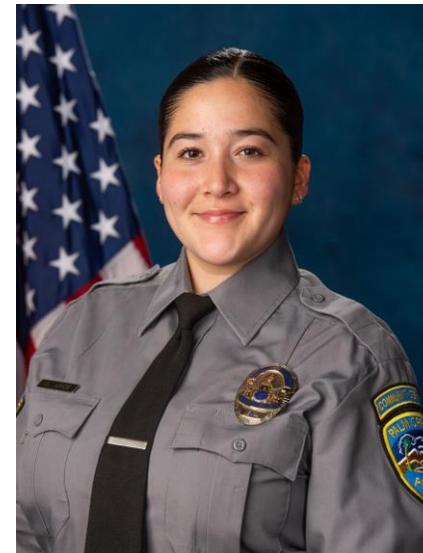
Homelessness and Public Safety in Palm Springs, CA



IMPACT TEAM



- Sgt. Frank Guarino
- Officer Jordan Belchamber
- Officer Jorge Diaz
- Officer Luciano Colontuano
- Officer Emmi Kramer
- Officer Chad Brown
- CSO Destiny Arce
- Code Compliance Officer Kristi Smith



Scanning – Approaching the Problem

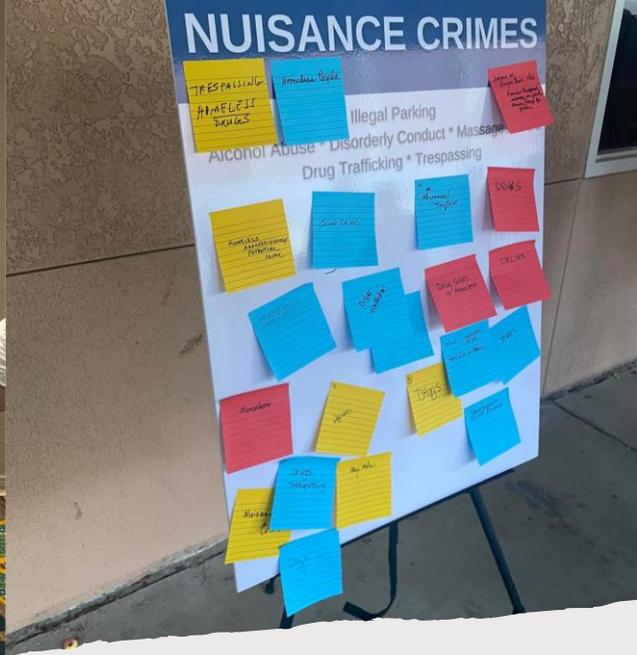
- 45,000 resident population and Winter-time population 100,000
- Arrests
- PIT Count



Scanning - Approaching the Problem

- Crime and Quality of Life
- Police Resources Impacted
- Communication
- Community Frustration





Analysis/
Research

Conducted five community meetings in five Council Districts using a nominal group technique allowing residents to voice their concerns

Analysis - Research

- Compared Riverside County PIT to Palm Springs PD PIT
- IMPACT worked with City and County Officials to understand local resources and communication with the public and homeless population.



Defining the Problem

- After scanning the problem, an initial problem statement was identified:

“Homeless individuals living in Palm Springs seize crime opportunities for continued substance abuse and clustering in locations that create hot spots for police activity and crime.”





Offender

- Homeless as Offenders
- Victims, not just offenders
- Diverse Population

Target/Victim

- Residents
- Businesses
- Homeless Individuals

Locations

- Shopping Centers/Big Box Stores
- Fast Food chains
- Homeless Organizations
- Places of worship

Previous Responses (Inconsistent and Piece Mealed)

- Patrols
- Social Media
- Enforcement Operations
- Housing First Model
- Hostile Architecture



Understanding the problem's cause

- Hypothesis
- Obstacles and Barriers





Setting Objectives

- This project aimed to address interconnected issues of homelessness and crime
- Focused Hotspots identified through analysis
- Multi-faceted approach implemented
- Firm Message - *Take the services, move elsewhere, or go to jail and disrupt your need for drugs*



Response

- Part 1 - Survey
- Part 2 - Provide Resources
- Part 3 - Focused Enforcement



R.I.S.E

**Resilience, Inclusion
and Support for
Ending Homelessness**



Assessment - Measuring the Impact

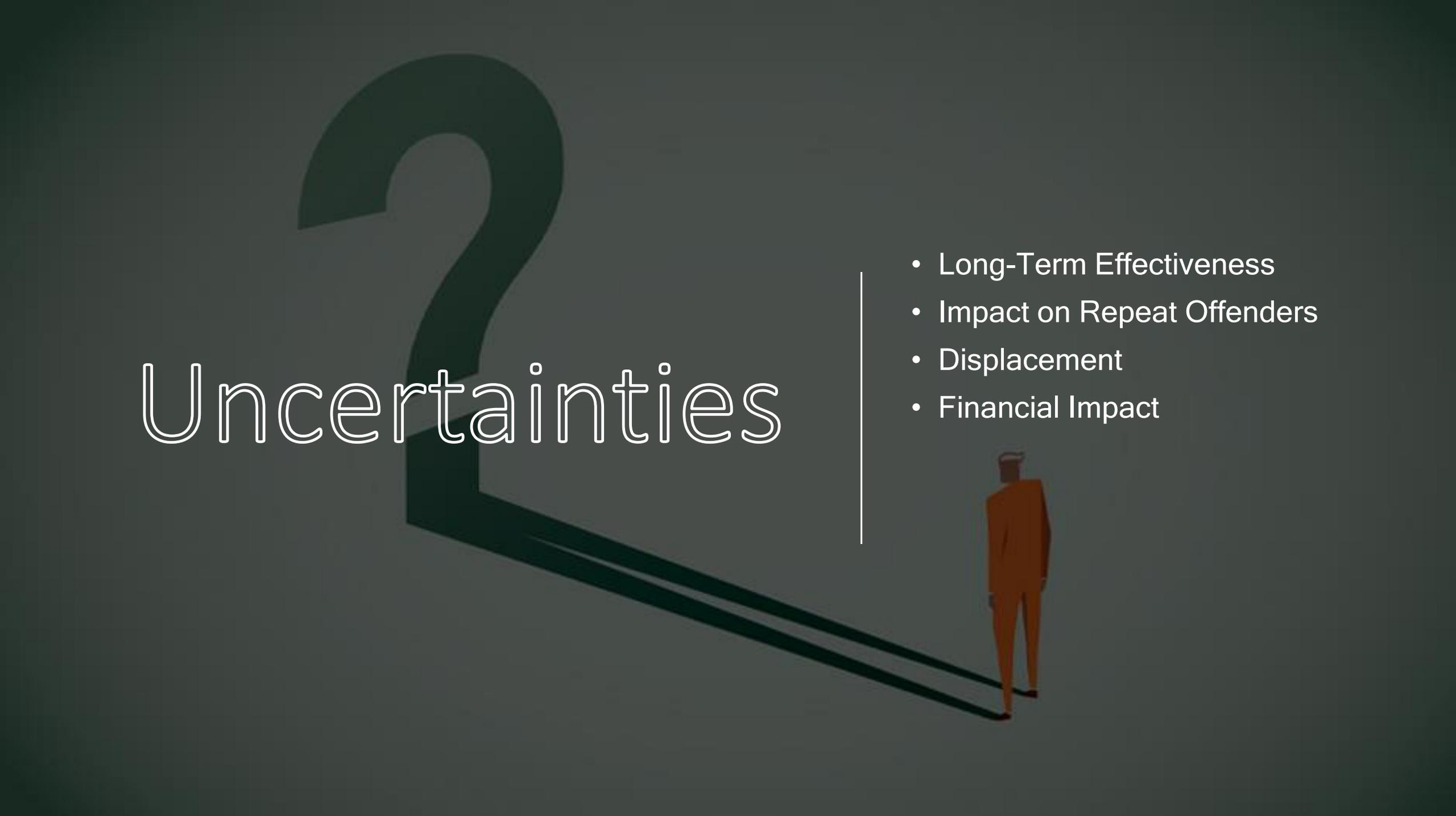
- Disrupted crime patterns
- Increased Service Connection
- Identified High Risk Individuals
- More Attention brought to the issue
- Improved Services Utilization
- Family Reunification
- Improved Public Perception





Assessment

- Reunified with family (Buses, Trains, Planes) - 45 people
- Temporary Housing – 80 people
- Arrests – More than 700
- Deaths – 22 (OD, heat, other)



Uncertainties

- Long-Term Effectiveness
- Impact on Repeat Offenders
- Displacement
- Financial Impact



More Data Needed

- Crime Rates Before and After
- Service Utilization Rates
- Recidivism Rates

Operation Restore Hope



