



# ABOUT THE GVIT

GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION TEAM  
DECEMBER 2020

## Background

On April 5th, 2019, the County Executive issued an Executive Order declaring gun violence a public health crisis and establishing a task force to research and compile data and produce actionable recommendations to reduce gun violence. The task force published their findings including 55 recommendations in a Final Report released in June. The GVIT is tasked with implementing those strategies.

### MISSION OF THE GVIT:

*To prevent and reduce gun-related injuries and deaths in Anne Arundel County.*

### 2020 AT-A-GLANCE

- JUNE**  
Recommendations published in the Final Report
- AUGUST**  
Launch of the GVIT
- SEPTEMBER**  
Launch of the workgroups
  - Review task force recommendations
  - Goal-setting and work plans
  - Strategic planning
  - Community outreach plan
- NEXT STEPS**
- FEBRUARY**  
Community meeting
- MARCH**  
Launch of quarterly data report

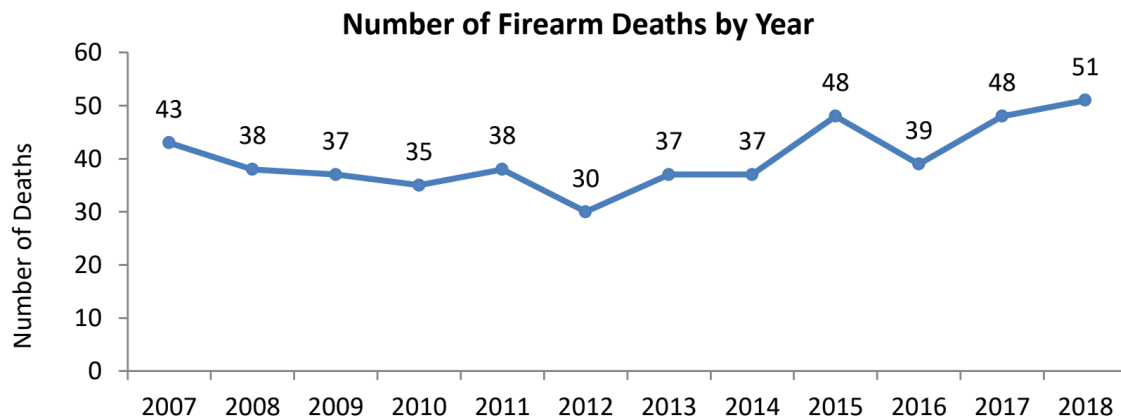
On August 12th, the **Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT)** launched under the leadership of the Department of Health to address gun violence as a public health issue according to the County Executive's directive. Through collaborative meetings and coordinated workgroup efforts with over a dozen partner agencies, the GVIT is implementing evidence-based, harm reduction strategies to fulfill its mission.

In addition to monthly GVIT meetings, three workgroups meet on a monthly basis and include representatives from partner agencies. Guided by the recommendations of the task force, the workgroups are developing project plans to address gun violence using policy, data, and environmental strategies.

Next steps for 2021 include a community meeting for organizations, members of the public, and other stakeholders to provide feedback on existing and in-development strategies to address gun violence. The GVIT will also release a bi-yearly data report starting in the spring.

To access the Final Report,  
[CLICK HERE.](#)

# GUN VIOLENCE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY



*Of all firearm deaths from 2013 to 2018\*, there have been:*

**166**  
suicides

**Suicides remain highest among white males** (median age 49), and that rate has increased by nearly 25% from 2013 to 2018.

**88**  
homicides

**Homicides remain highest among black males** (median age 33). That rate has stayed consistent from 2013 to 2018, while the rate of homicides for white men and black and white woman has increased.

## Implementation progress updates



### Policy

The workgroup is compiling a list of current gun safety legislation to inform a prevention and education communication plan.



### Data & Systems

The workgroup is creating a central repository for gun data, starting with existing sources to identify gaps.



### Environment

The workgroup is compiling a list of resources and programs for at-risk individuals and victims of gun violence to identify gaps in services.



February 24th @ 3:00-4:30pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

for our first GVIT community meeting

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\*Data on deaths come from the Vital Statistics Administration of the Maryland Department of Health death certificate data files. These data include all deaths of Anne Arundel County residents regardless of the place of occurrence.