

**Problem:** Violent Crime

**Jurisdiction:** City, Urban

**Scenario Title:** "All In"

**Key Risk Factors:** Gas stations, Bodegas, Vacant Buildings

**Origin:** Risk-based policing initiative, part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). IPIR presented for first time, discussed at task force meeting with variety of city and community stakeholders present.

>> Conversation quickly centered on "gas stations", one of the highest risk factors identified by RTM. Police officers in the room had a hunch that gas stations were "bad", particularly for robberies, carjackings, and assaults targeted at station attendants or customers fueling vehicles. A quick review of incident report narratives confirmed this *event context* in instances where 'gas stations' were mentioned.

>> A **community stakeholder** working with youth added to conversation. She explained: Many youth hangout after school around corner stores/bodegas where they can easily congregate and get food, drinks, and rolling paper for smoking at nearby vacant buildings. Bodegas close at 10pm, as required by city ordinance, but gas stations with food marts are exempted. These 24/7 gas stations provide space and "supplies" for youth to congregate late at night, creating a unique context for turf conflict, offending, or victimization. So, she explained, prioritize gas stations with food marts.

>> **Department of Public Works (DPW)** added to conversation, offering to prioritize DPW's existing efforts to board-up vacant buildings and clean lots near bodegas and gas stations w/ food marts.

>> **Mayor's Office** and **Department of Parks and Recreation** will enhance their advertising and recruitment campaigns for summer recreation activities and job opportunities at bodegas, gas stations and places nearby – to focus on where the youth are.

>> **Police (PD)** will deploy *directed patrols* and *meet-and-greets with managers* at risky facilities, at peak risky times; Patrol will make referrals to partnering community agencies/social workers when juveniles appear in need of outreach/support services. A new protocol for crime reporting will help with continued risk assessments: Officers will ask victims/witnesses about possible connections of crime incidents to known spatial risk factors (e.g. was victim on premise or coming from gas station before robbery?).

