# **Community Mobilization Teams**



## A community led, holistic approach to preparing and responding to violent or traumatic incidents

Community Mobilization Teams (CMTs) support the response and recovery from the experience of a traumatic incident. They are made up of a partnership among local residents, community organizations and the municipality.

After a violent or traumatic incident, CMTs mobilize local and city-wide resources to address community needs and coordinate timely information sharing.

CMTs work toward preventing violence by reducing distress, restoring unity, and building resilience. To achieve this goal CMTs encompass:

### **Critical Incident Occurs**



- Crisis preparation through education mapping resources, training and asset mapping
- Crisis intervention by supporting communities after a violent or traumatic incident
- Crisis prevention by developing and enhancing local safety networks to strengthen community sense of unity and collaboration

Each CMT is unique to its own community and guided by the following principles:

- Community ownership and self determination
- Social justice and equity
- Service integration, collaboration and coordination

For additional information and/or to inquire about support to develop a CMT in your community, please contact:

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48 hours -2 weeks PLANNING & COORDINATION Hold coordinating meeting Community crisis debriefing

Ongoing needs assessment

#### WRAP UP

Assess long term community safety issues, identify options with local partners

Determine community leadership and resources

Engage stakeholders



#### **EVALUATION**

Community and partner CMT process debriefing Identify gaps and needs

#### **CRISIS PREPARATION**

Map assets and resources Update CMT Process and communication Enhance training