

# **Longmont, CO Case Study**

These statistics reflect substantial improvements in crime reduction, community engagement, and restorative practices, showcasing the success of Mike Butler's tenure as Public Safety Chief in Longmont, CO.

## **Crime Reduction:**

Part 1 crimes (burglary, larceny, sex assault, homicide, robbery, auto theft) dropped from approximately 5,000 in 2004 to about 3,100 in 2020 despite the population increasing from 60,000 to 100,000.

## **Gang Activity:**

Gang members reduced from 450 with thirteen active gangs in 2004 to fewer than 70 members and only two inactive gangs by 2020.

## **Domestic Violence:**

Annual domestic violence fatalities decreased significantly, with only two cases of lethal domestic violence in twenty years.

## **Neighborhood Safety:**

Number of unsafe neighborhoods reduced from 30-40 to none, exemplified by Stonehenge, which saw a drop in police calls from 150 per month to 5-10 per month.

**Community Engagement:**

Over five years, Butler and Dan Benavidez walked over 200 neighborhoods and met close to 4,000 people, significantly improving community involvement and safety.

**Restorative Justice:**

Over 7,000 people referred to restorative justice with recidivism rates of less than 7%.

Involvement of approximately 15,000-20,000 community members in the restorative justice process.

**Addiction Treatment:**

Several hundred individuals received free addiction treatment through police-initiated programs, with treatment valued at nearly three million dollars provided by over ten service providers.

Forty businesses recruited to provide employment for those in recovery.

**School Expulsions:**

Annual school expulsions decreased from 90-100 students to less than ten after implementing the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

**Partnerships:**

Legitimate community partnerships increased from zero to hundreds, including collaborations with businesses, neighborhoods, schools, faith communities, and non-profits.

**Police and Community Relations:**

Significant improvement in trust between the Latino community and the police, highlighted by the community involvement and feedback during neighborhood walks and other initiatives.