



## **One Lexington Bi-Weekly Report - February 19th, 2024**

ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

### **Total Shootings Statistics (through February 19th 2024)**

#### **Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics**

2024 (to date) - 1 homicide by gun (1 total homicide)

2023 (at this point last year) – 1 homicide by gun (1 total homicide)

2022 (at this point in the year) - 4 homicides (5 total homicides)

**0** (more gun-related homicides than the previous year)

#### **Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)**

2024 (to date) - 7 shootings

2023 (at this point last year) – 13 shootings

2022 (at this point in the year) - 19 shootings

**- 6** (fewer shootings than the previous year)

### **Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics**

#### **Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics**

[\(Victims ages 13-29\)](#)

2024 (to date) - 0 homicides

2023 (at this point last year) - 1 homicide  
2022 (at this point in the year) - 3 homicides  
- 1 (difference in gun-related homicides than the previous year)

### **Lexington Shootings Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)**

(Victims ages 13-29)

2024 (to date) - 4 shootings  
2023 (at this point last year) - 9 shootings  
2022 (at this point in the year) - 15 shootings  
- 5 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

### **Local Hip-Hop Artists Create Song Encouraging Young People to Put the Guns**

**Down:** Local hip-hop artists, Tony Wavy and Gosh Josh collaborated with One Lexington Director, Devine Carama, for a song and video called, “*Guns Down*”. The anti-gun violence song compiled over 2,000 views in the first 24 hours upon release. The song talks about the effect gun violence has on our community and pulls the layers back when it comes to the residual effects of trauma. We’ve been encouraging more artists to utilize their gifts and talents to amplify the message of peace in Lexington, and this is a perfect example of that. Check out the full music video HERE - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n7OMGcC2Bg>

**Semester Two of It Takes A Village In-School Mentoring Program:** Last week, One Lexington and its community partners kicked off its ***It Takes a Village In-School Mentoring Program for the second semester!*** Thanks to the support from the mayor and city council for this program in our annual budget we can expand our coverage this year! Last year, I facilitated 8 boys' groups across the district by myself. ***This semester, we can facilitate 18 groups (boys and girls) in 15 schools across the district.*** One Lexington leads some of those groups and some groups are led by the 6 other community partners. One Lexington will be able to provide stipends for those facilitators as well as cover the snacks and materials for each of those programs. ***We expect to reach over 450 students each week which would double last year's weekly interactions.***



**Crisis Response Efforts:** Last week, we collaborated with our friends at **Lexington Leadership Foundation** (The Leadership Academy) to do outreach work in the Woodhill neighborhood. Thank you, **Terry Dumphord, Patrick Nedrick, Tania Walker, Andre Wilson, Steven Overstreet**, and other residents in the area for joining us. We also got the opportunity to partner with **Southland Christian Church** to support a family recently affected by gun violence. The ecosystem of community partners in Lexington is strong and nothing gets done without building bridges and maintaining good relationships. It truly does take an entire village and we are honored to be a part of yours! Check a few photos of our outreach below:



**One Lexington Attends Gun Advocacy Day In Frankfort:** The One Lexington team accepted the invitation from **Moms Demand Action** to speak and be a part of a rally at the State Capital for National Gun Advocacy Day. The event featured Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, KY lawmakers, community activists, and survivors of gun violence. The event showcased some of the local efforts to address gun violence and urged Frankfort to do more.



**One Lexington Hosts First Violence Disruption Training:** This Thursday, *February 22<sup>nd</sup>* One Lexington will be bringing in nationally renowned violence disrupter trainer, Dr. Eddie Woods out of Louisville, Kentucky to facilitate a violence disruption/conflict resolution training. Woods couples his real-life experience of growing up in the gang-influenced California neighborhood in the west end of

Louisville, with his formal education, and over 30 years of experience in providing gun violence intervention services on the frontlines of some of Louisville's highest crime areas.

While we are all doing incredible work addressing gun violence holistically, I think this training can provide some cohesive language and best practices when it comes to mediation and violence disruption for those working in the streets, jails, or schools with our most vulnerable populations. We are all providing this service in our ways but I think this can bring some synergy to the work. ***Registration for this training is CLOSED.***

**Parks & Rec Job Fair:** Lexington Parks & Recreation will be hosting an Aquatics Job fair next Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Castlewood Community Center from 4 – 7 p.m. I have attached flyers in English, Spanish, and Swahili for your youth and families. For youth who do not have their lifeguard certification, Parks will be offering certification training starting at the end of April through June. Youths need to be 15 years old when they take the training. If you have any questions about Aquatic positions, please email Zach Martin at [zmartin@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:zmartin@lexingtonky.gov).

Parks will also be hiring summer staff to work in our community centers as well as staff to lead recreational activities in our parks through our mobile recreation program. Those positions are for individuals 18 years and older. If you know of anyone who may be interested in those positions, please have them email Anthony Jackson at [ajackson@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:ajackson@lexingtonky.gov).

### **ONE Lexington Community Interactions - February 6th - February 19th**

#### **Community Events/Meetings:**

- N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walks (2)
- Monthly CompStat Meeting
- Meeting w/ lawmakers - Trauma Informed Care (3)
- Meeting w/ lawmakers - Youth Employment

- Gun Violence Advocacy Day - Frankfort Rally
- Meeting w/ Community Innovation Lab (2)
- Black History Month Interview - Lex-18
- Whitehouse Meeting - Impact of ARPA funding
- Meeting w/ Cities United
- One Lexington Budget Meeting
- Meeting w/ Equity Implementation Officer - Community Forum
- Community Listening Session- Northern Elementary School

### **Youth & Young Adult Conflict Mediations:**

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 1
- **Total: 1**

### **Youth & Young Adults Engagements: (Not all groups accounted for)**

- William Wells Brown Elementary School - 17
- *Morton Middle School - 700 (school wide assembly)*
- Frederick Douglass High School - 2
- Southern Middle School - 33
- MLK Academy of Excellence - 24
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School - 10
- Crawford Middle School -?
- Lafayette High School - 3
- Winburn Middle School - 6
- Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School - 9
- Winburn Middle School - 6
- Beaumont Middle School - 7
- The Learning Center - 17
- STEAM Academy - 9

- Success Academy - 17
- Tates Creek Elementary School - 8
- University of Kentucky - 6
- LLYP Ambassador Students - 50
- **Total: 921**

**Crisis Response Referrals:**

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace)
- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 1
- School System - 0
- Community - 2
- **Total: 3**