



# Nuisance Injunctions

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# Nuisance Closures



# Nuisance Defined: T.C.A. § 29-3-101

- ❧ Nuisance – Any place in or upon which the following activity is carried on or permitted.
  - ❧ Lewdness
  - ❧ Prostitution (Promotion & Patronizing)
  - ❧ Unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors
  - ❧ Unlawful sale of any regulated legend drug, narcotic or other controlled substance
  - ❧ Unlawful Gambling
  - ❧ Any sale, exhibition or possession of obscene or pornographic material as prohibited by law
  - ❧ Quarreling, drunkenness, fighting and breaches of the peace

# Multi-Agency Approach

- ❧ District Attorney's Office
- ❧ Knox County Sheriff's Office and Knoxville Police Department
- ❧ Groups/Leaders
  - ❧ Neighborhood Watch
  - ❧ Churches
  - ❧ Business Merchants
  - ❧ Council/commission members
- ❧ Criminal Court
- ❧ Knoxville Community Development Corporation
- ❧ Office of the Mayor
- ❧ Knoxville Fire Department
- ❧ City Service Department
- ❧ State Agencies
  - ❧ Alcoholic Bev. Commission
  - ❧ Health Department
  - ❧ Other law enforcement agencies (TBI, DEA, THP, etc.)



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*“Tough on Crime,  
Smart on Prevention”*

## Heroin Overdose Death Leads to Nuisance Closure

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Upon a petition filed by District Attorney General Charme P. Allen, Judge Bob McGee has ordered authorities to close the residence at 1725 Beaumont Avenue under the state nuisance law. This residence was closed based on an investigation by the Knoxville Police Department’s Repeat Offender Squad into heroin overdoses and sales occurring at the house.

According to the petition filed by General Allen, KPD and Rural Metro responded to an opiate overdose on February 28, 2015. Officers and medics were able to revive the overdose victim. Following that overdose, KPD Officers conducted two video-recorded purchases of heroin from Prentis Lee Hatmaker, Jr., at the residence. Saturday, March 7, Officers were again called to the house in response to a heroin overdose. This victim was later pronounced dead.

In short, General Allen charges that this residence is a haven of criminal activity and a danger to the surrounding community. “This Office will continue to use every resource and law available to combat the

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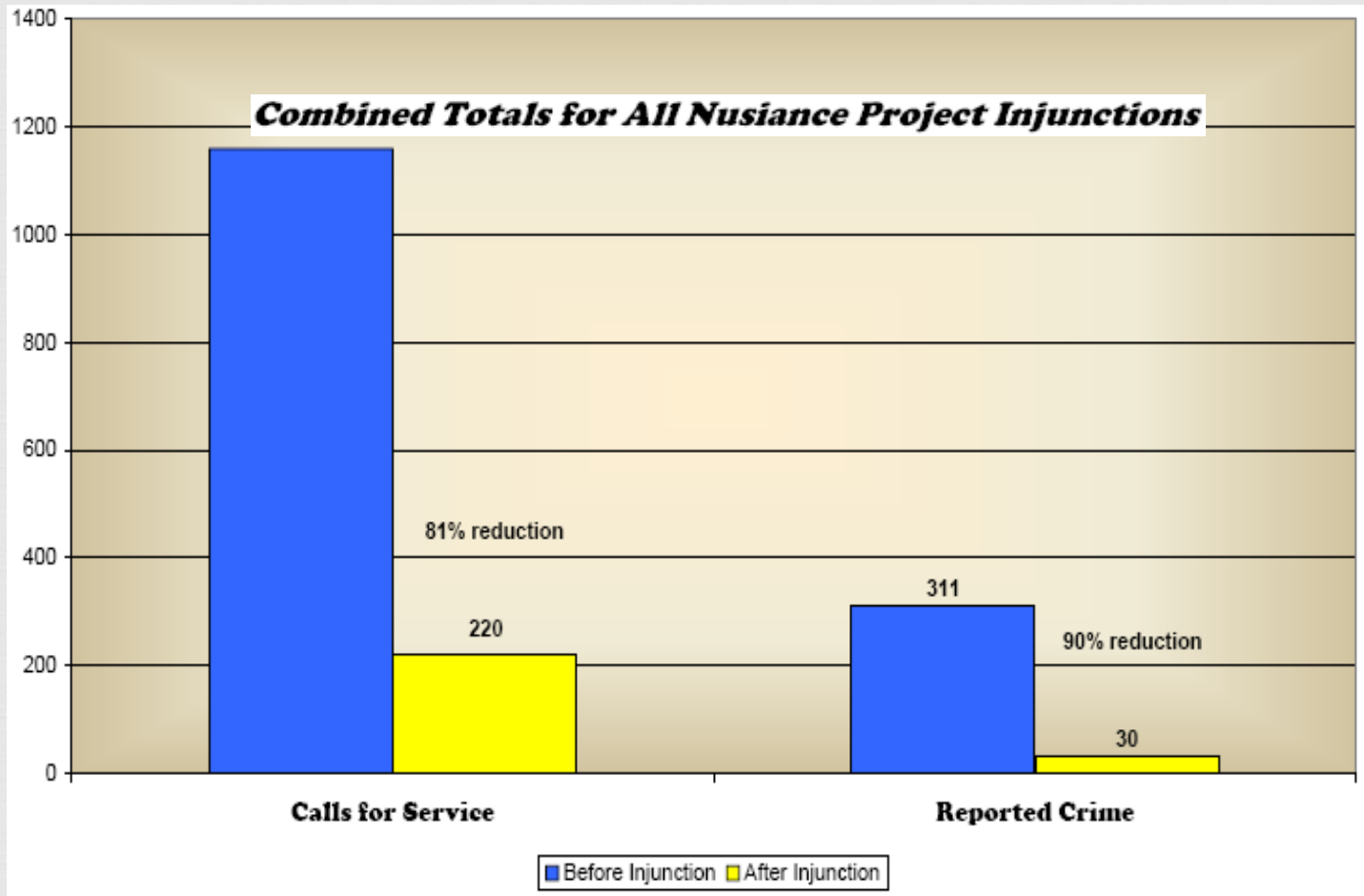
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Safety & Crime Prevention Tips for Parents

Prevent & Report

# Drastic Reduction in Crime



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# Community Improvement

