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The purpose of this memorandum is to formally express our sincere appreciation for your team and their willingness to share their ideas, protocols and subsequent successes. After our visit with your team, we implemented the following within our own department:

- Our homicide unit is now at 16 detectives. Once the new detectives are fully trained we will be moving to the LVMPD on call rotation.
- Major case protocol has been in place for several months. It was used for the first time this month on a major case involving the homicides of several members of our Muslim Community. The implementation of this protocol contributed to the successful identification and arrest of the offender.
- While with your team, we had the privilege to observe a meeting that was held by the homicide unit. In this meeting, homicides were discussed within a group setting. This was a great case strategy and information sharing meeting. As a result, we implemented 2 day and 60 day case strategy meetings that follow this model. We are now in the process of implementing a 30 day and 180 day review based off LVMPD model.
- We also attended a case brief where members from LVMPD presented the latest OIS to the command staff of the department. We have now moved our MATF chief briefings to follow this model. We have received positive feedback about the updated presentations.
- Lastly, your Violent Crime Lieutenant responds to all homicide scenes and directs the callout from start to finish. He also briefs the media and gets the information out to the public. We have now implemented this process with our Violent Crime Lieutenant. This has allowed us to gather information out to the public quickly and to help guide the initial investigation of the case. Since implementing this response, detectives have gained a sense of urgency to solve cases that we had not previously seen.

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Our team has seen a significant increase in cases solved and we currently hold a 94.52% YTD clearance rate for homicides. Not only have we seen the noted increase in cases solved, but the overall cohesiveness and "teamwork" within our Bureau has improved. We contribute this success to the noted protocols we implemented after meeting with your team.

We again extend our appreciation to you and your team for your time and mentorship.

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