

**S A F E S T™**


*Take charge, make CHANGE*

# Safe Streets Mission



- ❧ Safe Streets mobilizes grassroots community change by:
- ❧ **Motivating and inspiring action** in the community,
- ❧ **Teaching leadership strategies** to develop the capacity of community members to solve their own problems.
- ❧ **Assisting neighborhoods and youth** to define their vision for change, and
- ❧ **Connecting** people and organizations for success.

# Programs

- ❧ Non English Speaking 
- ❧ Community Mobilization
- ❧ Youth Leading Change
- ❧ Engage Program
- ❧ Neighborhood Patrol
- ❧ Communities That Care
- ❧ Renter Solutions
- ❧ Awareness and Prevention
- ❧ Child ID Program
- ❧ Block Leader 101
- ❧ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



# Youth Leading Change



# What is a neighborhood watch group?



- ⌘ Being a good neighbor by helping to watch your neighborhood and report suspicious activities
- ⌘ A group of individuals that come together for a common reason or goal.
- ⌘ Bringing awareness and prevention to your neighborhood.

# Why Organize?



- ❧ The best crime prevention device ever invented is a good neighbor.
- ❧ Joint organized efforts are more effective than individual efforts.
- ❧ There are many more citizens than there are law enforcement officers.
- ❧ Through citizens' involvement the community is provided with unlimited availability of local neighbors to watch their neighborhood for suspicious activity or crime.



# Community Clean Ups



# Keys to Success



❧ Communication

❧ Collaboration

❧ Patience

❧ Commitment



# Graffiti Cover Up



# Basic Organizing Tips



☞ Phone Tree

☞ Agenda

☞ Action Work Plan

☞ House watch form



# Tools you need to know



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- ❧ How 911 Calls Receive Priority
  - ❧ When to Call 911
  - ❧ How to Report to 911
  - ❧ How to Describe a Suspect
  - ❧ How to Describe a Vehicle
  - ❧ How to Handle Nuisance/Blight in Your Neighborhood.
  - ❧ How to build the relationship with local, county and state partners.



# Community Partner



# It's not all about crime



- ❧ It is about coming together as a community.
- ❧ Getting involved in community projects.
  1. Community cleanups
  2. Community gardens
  3. Community murals
  4. Planning events
- ❧ Building relationships with neighbors and having fun.



# Community Celebration





# Type of Events



❧ National Night out against Crime

❧ Safety Fairs

❧ Community Fairs

❧ Neighborhood Yard Sales

❧ March against Crime

❧ Graffiti Cover Up

# Thank You!



☞ For more information on how to get involved.

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