



## Minneapolis Police Department 2007 Neighborhood Policing Plan *Bottineau Neighborhood*

### Introduction:

The Bottineau Neighborhood is in the Minneapolis Police Department's Second Precinct.

### Neighborhood Map:



### Precinct Contacts:

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## Overview:

Bottineau neighborhood is located in northeast Minneapolis. It is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west and University Avenue to the east. Lowry Avenue NE is the northern extent of the neighborhood, which runs to 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> avenues NE in the south. This small neighborhood is named after the legendary pioneer, explorer and leader Pierre Bottineau who bought land here in 1845. Bottineau neighborhood has a rich history with the large number of ethnic groups that have settled in this area over the years. Today the community has a population of 1,254 people and is a destination for many artists to live and work. Bottineau has a nice mix of amenities including a large park, a library, and its close proximity to downtown.

## Crime Statistics:

While Bottineau remains one of the safer neighborhoods in northeast Minneapolis, a comparison of the 2006 \*Part 1 Crime statistics with 2005 for the neighborhood shows that the number of Robberies has increased from 24 to 73, Aggravated Assaults increased from 18 to 43 and Auto Thefts also increased from 40 to 60.

\*Part 1 Crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Auto Theft and Arson

## Neighborhood Concerns:

Personal Safety issues of patrons of the local neighborhood bars.

Vandalism, Graffiti issues allegedly being committed by unsupervised youth in the area.

Increase in the number of Robberies, Aggravated Assaults and Auto Thefts over the past calendar year.

## 2007 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department has two citywide goals: reduce crime and improve the relationship with the community it serves. In the Bottineau neighborhood, we will focus on the following crime reduction strategies:

- Reducing Aggravated Assaults & Robberies. Hosting Personal Safety Workshops (coordinated by the Crime Prevention Specialist) to provide residents the opportunity to be safe when out in the neighborhood and promoting the utilization of the various City electronic technologies for information dissemination.
- Reducing Motor Vehicle Theft. Providing Block Leader Training for interested residents so more people are watching for and reporting suspicious behavior – especially in relation to motor vehicle theft. (Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist for more details)

- Encouraging residents to report problems in the community by calling 911, 311 and/or their Crime Prevention Specialist to discuss their concerns.
- Utilizing the information received from the community by their reporting of problems via 911, 311 and/or the Crime Prevention Specialist and the Codefor weekly meetings to best focus precinct resources.

The MPD will also engage in two projects to increase the relationship with the community:

- Increase communication with people in the neighborhood via the city WorkSite program and the precinct electronic e-mail notification program, which are designed to facilitate stronger communication and information sharing in the community through web-based technology.
- Work with Neighborhood Organization in relation to providing necessary workshops to address the crime issues of the community.

## Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in Bottineau, policing is a team sport and residents need to be part of that team. The collaboration of MPD and Residents have committed to the following:

- Create Old Liquor District Consortium with the surrounding neighborhoods to address some of the concerns concerning personal safety around the bars. (Contact Neighborhood Organization for more information)
- Participating fully in utilization of the City technologies for the electronic dissemination of information.
- Call 911 on suspected truants and curfew violators when observed in the community.
- Have Bottineau Neighborhood represented at the monthly (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month) 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Advisory Council (2 PAC) meeting at 6:00 PM at 1900 Central Ave NE.

For more information on the Bottineau Neighborhood contact

<http://www.bottineaneighborhood.org/>

## 2007 Performance Measures:

The following criteria will be used to measure success in the Bottineau Neighborhood:

- 5% decrease in Part 1 Crimes in the neighborhood – especially Robberies, Aggravated Assaults and Auto Thefts.
- Increase in number of people that have signed on to utilize the City's technologies for the electronic dissemination of information.

