



Minneapolis Police Department 2007 Neighborhood Policing Plan *Marcy Holmes Neighborhood*

Introduction:

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

Neighborhood Map:



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Overview:

Marcy-Holmes is home to Dinkytown, which includes many businesses tailored to the nearby University of Minnesota. The neighborhood also provides housing to many students attending the University of Minnesota. The neighborhood lies across the Mississippi River from downtown. The University of Minnesota forms its east boundary, and the west border of the neighborhood is the East Hennepin/Central Avenue commercial area. Between 1980 and 2000, Marcy-Holmes' population grew by 4 percent. That was slightly more than the citywide growth of 3 percent. In 1993, after the 1990 Census of Population and Housing, the City Council approved to extend the neighborhood's boundaries to include 88 people that in 1990 were part of University of Minnesota neighborhood. The boundary change explains in large degree the neighborhood growth. By 2000 the neighborhood added 112 more people that would have belonged to another neighborhood had the borders remained unchanged. Between 1980 and 2000, Marcy-Holmes saw a 7 percent increase of adult residents between the ages of 18 and 64. This rise was especially pronounced in the 18-to-24 and 45-to-64 age groups. During this period, the elderly population decreased, with the greatest declines seen in those aged 64 to 84 years of age. There were also fewer children and adolescents in 2000 than in 1980.

Crime Statistics:

During 2005, Marcy Holmes Neighborhood realized a sever increase in crime in the neighborhood with a 51 percent increase in Part One crimes. The largest area of crime was with robberies, where there was an increase of 244 percent. The second larges increase was assaults which realized a 65 percent increase during 2005. In 2006, the increase in crimes began to decrease. The decrease occurred as community members increased their awareness and reporting of criminal activity in the community. One of the largest concerns in the neighborhood is the noisy and disorderly parties. Because of the high concern by community members, the Minneapolis Police Department conducted party sweeps in the Neighborhoods near the University and wrote 1,850 tags for alcohol related violations during these sweeps and from 911 responses to the problems during 2006.

Focus for 2007:

- Theft
- Burglary

Neighborhood Concerns:

- The neighborhood residents are concerned about problem properties in the neighborhood
- Theft from auto vehicle
- Burglaries
- Robberies, and
- The unruly assemblies and parties which result in over consumption (of alcohol) and attracts more crime into the neighborhood.

2007 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department will:

- Continue to do party sweeps in the neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Minnesota. Following the party sweeps, letters will be sent to the owners of properties where the parties occurred. These letters will either be a warning that the property owner can be fined under City

of Minneapolis Ordinance 389.65, or an administrative citation under that ordinance. The Minneapolis Police Department will work with the Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc. for alcohol related first offenses in the neighborhoods which are adjacent to the University of Minnesota.

- The police and neighbors will participate in the CARE Task Force to address problem addresses in the neighborhood.
- The police department will have beat officers working in the Eastgate area which includes some of the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood and in the Dinkytown area. This year, evening beat officers will be added to these areas to address the concerns that are occurring later in the day.
- The Crime Prevention specialist will work with the neighborhood to address properties where there are ongoing problems, and assist the community in making appropriate referrals to Housing Inspections, Animal Control, CRT, and other resources which are available to solve community issues.
- The Community Response Team will address problem properties as appropriate including locations where drugs are being sold.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will provide a Personal Safety Workshop in the neighborhood, will distribute crime alerts when appropriate, and will work with the neighborhood walking group to distribute information on prevention especially during the first week of school. This information will include material on theft from auto, theft, and personal safety.

Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in Marcy Holmes Neighborhood, 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:

1. Reporting problems in the community by calling 911, 311, and their crime prevention specialists to discuss the concerns and other resources available.
2. Participation in the 3rd Ward CARE Committee to work on issues which are multifaceted and have not been resolved by contacting the resources available.
3. Continue its citizens patrol which will build community; provide information to community members such as leafleting about theft from auto, burglaries, and personal safety; report activity in the neighborhood to the police either through 911 or by contacting the Crime Prevention Specialist; and report items such as street lights that are out and housing needing repairs to 311. The neighborhood will also look at ways to compliment the University Escort Service through possibly a program that would be a neighborhood escort service.
4. Continue its work with Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc. both in the conferences and in working with the offenders on volunteer work in the community such as leafleting, clean-ups, and involvement in the citizens patrol
5. Develop methods to meet students and parents who move into the neighborhood each fall by having neighborhood tours, block events, and other programs.
6. The Neighborhood will continue to have Crime and Safety meetings in which residents will discuss ways to increase awareness, educate the community members, and improve community design to increase safety in the neighborhood. One of the methods that they will explore to keep neighbors informed is to develop a virtual block club. This can provide information about the neighborhood and concerns throughout the year and will augment to work that the citizens' patrol is doing in meeting people in the neighborhood personally.
7. The neighborhood will encourage landlords to carefully screen rental candidates and actively manage properties to promote improved neighborhood livability
8. The Greek Organizations around the University have developed three committees to address safety concerns. They are:

- a. Risk Management Issues to develop best practices for chapters regarding parties and other social events involving alcohol, identify ways to recognize and reward chapters that implement best practices and promote positive behavior, explore costs of hiring security for peak months of the year, explore options for monitoring risk management policy compliance.
- b. Lighting Issues to inform all chapters and House Corporations about the process for having lighting installed in their parking lots, Develop strategy for increasing lighting in the neighborhood.
- c. Revive the U-light Up the Night Block Party.
- d. Police related issues which will arrange safety workshops for chapters, invite officers to chapter houses, develop a contacting the Police 101 Resource Guide, develop an educational tool regarding police operations to share with chapter leadership (including information that might be learned from a ride-along), enhance communication with appropriate alumni about incidents at chapters, work with Minneapolis Police Department on sending crime alerts to all chapters, set up a meeting with risk management people from each chapter, identifying student reps for party patrols, and increase awareness and use of 624-WALK among Greek community.

2007 Performance Measures

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in policing the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood:

1. Theft including theft from motor vehicle will decrease by at least 3%.
2. Robberies and assault will decrease by at least 3%.
3. Burglary will decrease by at least 3%.
4. Continuation of the Citizens Patrol or walking group in Marcy Holmes Neighborhood.
5. Increase in the number of residents who live in Marcy Holmes who participate in the Restorative Justice Program.
6. Increase involvement in the Crime and Safety Committee and the initiatives such as the outreach to landlords, students, and parents.