

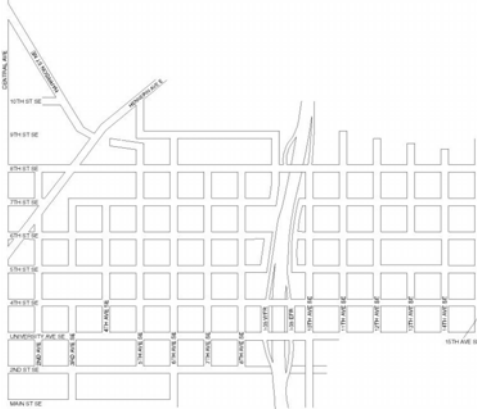


## Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *Marcy Holmes Neighborhood*

### **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 2007:**

Marcy Holmes Neighborhood had a 5% decrease in crime during 2007. However, Burglary of dwelling increased by 28% (154 to 201), arson increased from 1 to 3 incidents, and rape increased by 33% (3 to 4). At the same time, robbery, theft, and assault decreased during the year.

### **Focus 2008:**

- Burglary of dwelling – Inspector Skomra has set this as a priority within the second precinct in addition to the neighborhood stating that it would be their focus in 2008.
- Theft

### **Neighborhood Concerns for 2008:**

- 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.

### **2008 Policing Strategy:**

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

- Precinct Officers will continue patrol in the neighborhood to address curfew and truancy.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will work with the neighborhood in defining issues at properties and assist in making appropriate referrals to Housing Inspections, Animal Control, Licensing, Community Response Team and Directed Patrol, Child Protection, Adult Protection, mediation, and other city, county, and independent resources to solve problems.
- The Community Response Team will address problem properties as appropriate including locations where drugs are being sold.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will offer block club training to organize the community, so neighbors know each other and watch out for each other. The Crime Prevention Specialist will encourage neighbors to hold a National Night Out Event, so neighbors become acquainted. The Crime Prevention Specialist will provide information to the community by working with block clubs and other

- groups in the community, distributing information, and sponsoring programs in the city such as the Rental Property Owners Workshop, Liquor Industry 'N the City, the Student Housing and Police Exchange, personal safety workshops, and more. Information about these programs, safety tips, crime alerts, and other material will be distributed to the community via the email alert network.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will have “A Message from the Police Department” available for students and for neighbors to give to students who live in the neighborhood. This will provide students with information about the party laws and about safety in the community.
  - The Crime Prevention Specialist will administer the Citation Program for noisy assembly under Minneapolis City Ordinance 389.65.

### **2008 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 are a key part of that team. The collaboration of MPD, the Marcy Holmes 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. Encourage residents to organize block clubs in the neighborhood and assist the Crime Prevention Specialist in Recruiting Block Club Leaders.
4. The neighborhood will assist in connecting youth to resources in the area.
5. Distribute crime alerts to community members when requested and encourage community members to complete community impact statements when appropriate.
6. The Neighborhood will have a representative to the Police and Community Council (PAC). This individual will attend the monthly meetings at the precinct and provide updates at the neighborhood meetings.
7. The neighborhood has pledged funds for party sweeps in the neighborhood.

### **2008 Performance Measures:**

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

1. Decrease burglary of dwelling by at least 3%.
2. Decrease in theft by at least 3%.
3. Have at least 2 individuals attend block club training.

## **Marcy Holmes – 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS**

### **Neighborhood Concerns and Resolutions during 2007:**

- The neighborhood residents are concerned about problem properties in the neighborhood – **The neighborhood addressed various concerns in the neighborhood by working with the Crime Prevention Specialist, the CARE**

committee, and educating community members about reporting problem addresses.

- Theft from auto vehicle – The Citizens Patrol or walking group placed the “don’t leave items in your car” flyers which look like parking flyers in the neighborhood two times. Theft from motor vehicle decreased, as part of the total theft decrease of 18%.
- Burglaries – Burglary of dwelling increased by 28% in Marcy Holmes Neighborhood. It increased every month until September when neighbors delivered flyers to the students in the neighborhood. The first week in September, there was an increase and the after that there was a decrease when compared to 2006 of 40% in September, and 27% in October. This may have been the result of the welcome packets with safety information which were distributed when school started in September. The benefits then leveled and the neighborhood had 98 burglary of dwellings in the last two months of the year compared to 95 in 2006 during November and December.
- Robberies – Robberies decreased by 33%.
- The unruly assemblies and parties which result in over consumption (of alcohol) and attracts more crime into the neighborhood. – Noisy parties continue to be a high concern in the neighborhood and the police wrote 787 tags for alcohol related violations during party sweeps and in response to 911 calls in 2007. Because of funding, the number of sweeps was decreased in 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. -- Noisy parties continue to be a high concern in the neighborhood and the police wrote 787 tags for alcohol related violations during party sweeps and in response to 911 calls in 2007. Sweeps continued, but the number was decreased due to less (buyback) funding.
- The police and neighbors will participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward CARE Task Force to address problem addresses in the neighborhood. – Both police and community has participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward CARE Task Force, however, there has been no participation from Marcy Holmes at some of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward CARE Task Force Meetings.
- 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 MPD has had beat officers working East gate and Dinkytown areas.

- 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. – Ongoing.
- The Community Response Team will address problem properties as appropriate including locations where drugs are being sold. – Ongoing.
- 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. – Ongoing. However because there was no interest from the neighborhood, the Crime Prevention Specialist did not provide a Personal Safety Workshop. During 2008, there appears to be increased interested to have the neighborhood work with Como, the University of Minnesota, and the Minneapolis Police Department in providing a workshop.

### **2007 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. Ongoing
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. Ongoing
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 our 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. Ongoing
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 Ongoing
5. Develop methods to meet students and parents who move into the neighborhood each fall by having neighborhood tours, block events, and other programs. – The neighborhood developed a packet that was delivered to students.
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 virtue 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. **Ongoing**
7. The neighborhood will encourage landlords to carefully screen rental candidates and actively manage properties to promote improved neighborhood livability – **Ongoing, The Crime Prevention Specialist has been setting up quarterly meetings for the property owners, security companies, and police department. This is called the Student Housing and Police Exchange.**
  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. **Working on**
    - (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. **Working on**
    - (c.) Revive the U-light Up the Night Block Party. **Party was held**
    - (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. – **The Crime Prevention Specialist has met with several sororities and fraternities. Also one of the sorority members participated in the Citizens Academy. Some of the formality of this program was decreased because of staff changes at the University, but the Crime Prevention Specialist is working both with the Minneapolis Police Department and the University of Minnesota Police Department to increase safety at the houses.**

## **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%. - **Goal Met. Theft Decrease by 14%**
2. Robberies and assault will decrease by at least 3%. – **Goal Met. Robberies decreased by 33% and assaults decreased by 28%.**
3. Burglary will decrease by at least 3%. – **Goal Not Met. Burglary of Dwelling increased by 28%; however the increases were before September 15<sup>th</sup>. In**

September, neighbors provided information packets to residents that included crime prevention information.

4. Continuation of the Citizens Patrol or walking group in Marcy Holmes Neighborhood. – Ongoing
5. Increase in the number of residents who live in Marcy Holmes who participate in the Restorative Justice Program. This goal was not able to be measured because the statistics were not available.
6. Increase involvement in the Crime and Safety Committee and the initiatives such as the outreach to landlords, students, and parents. Although the committee has had some decrease in participation as the crime rate decreased, the members who have remained active have increased and focused initiatives. They have flyeried, doorknocked, provided information to residents, held programs, and worked together to address community concerns.

--- end of 2008 Plan, and 2007 Results for the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood.