



Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *St. Anthony East Neighborhood*

Introduction:

The St. Anthony East Neighborhood is in the Minneapolis Police Department's Second Precinct.

Neighborhood Map:



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Overview:

St. Anthony East is located in northeast Minneapolis. The neighborhood extends from Broadway Street NE on the northern border to Central Avenue NE on the east and southeast, Second Avenue NE on the south, and then Fifth and Washington streets NE on the west. The neighborhood is part of the former village of St. Anthony, established in 1849 on the east bank of the Mississippi River. St. Anthony East is characterized by its number of churches, reminders of a not-so-distant past when people from different European countries moved into the area. These immigrants settled in neighborhoods around their churches, which held them together as social and religious groups. In 2000 St. Anthony East had 2,148 people, an 18 percent increase from 1980. The city grew by 3 percent in the same period. Population growth between 1980 and 2000 was the result of

a 40-percent increase in residents from the ages of 18 to 64. The youngest population group – children and adolescents – decreased by 5 percent, and the senior population decreased by 26 percent.

Crime Statistics 2007:

Crime in St. Anthony East increased by 12% in 2007. The most substantial increases were in burglary of dwelling (which increased by 37% from 30 to 41) and theft (which increased by 37% from 52 to 71). At the same time, robbery, motor vehicle theft, and arson decreased during 2007.

Focus for 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

2008 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department has two citywide goals: reduce crime and improve the relationship with the community it serves. In the St. Anthony East 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 police and neighbors will participate in the 3rd Ward CARE Task Force.

2008 Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve police service in St. Anthony East, policing is a team sport and residents are a key part of the 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. 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.

2008 Performance Measures:

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in the St. Anthony East Neighborhood:

1. Decrease in burglary of 3%
2. Decrease in theft of 3%
3. There will be 2 people who will participate in block club training.

ST. ANTHONY EAST 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

Neighborhood Concerns and Resolutions during 2007:

- The neighborhood is concerned about the large increase in crimes during the last two years. – **In 2007 there was another increase in crime.**
- The seniors who are living in the neighborhood who are living with increased fear of crime. – **The Crime Prevention Specialist did give a presentation at one of the high rises in the neighborhood.**

2007 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department will:

- Increase the amount of directed patrol in this neighborhood which will result in traffic stops and suspicious person stops. – **Ongoing**
- The police and neighbors will participate in the CARE Task Force – **Ongoing, however there has been low turn out on behalf of the community members**
- Precinct Officers will conduct directed patrol in the neighborhood to address curfew, and truancy. – **Ongoing**
- 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 distribute crime alerts when necessary; and will present a Personal Safety Workshop in a seniors' facility in the neighborhood. – Ongoing and the Crime Prevention Specialist did provide a program at a senior's facility.

2007 Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in St. Anthony East, 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, however neighborhood participation has been low
3. The neighborhood has an active walking group that creates increased visibility in the community. – Ongoing during the warm months. The walking group is organized through Eastside Neighborhood Services
4. The neighborhood will hold a meeting with the designated block club leaders in the neighborhood to determine who the active block club leaders are. – Complete
5. The neighborhood will also develop an information piece for the block club leaders to distribute to their blocks. The information piece will also be distributed by the walking group, members of the neighborhood organization, and others in the community. – Completed

2007 Performance Measures:

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in policing the St. Anthony East Neighborhood:

1. A decrease in crime for the neighborhood, including a decrease of at least 3% in assaults and robberies in the neighborhood. - Goal Met. Assaults and robberies decreased by 21%. Assaults remained at the same level with 10 assaults in 2006 and 2007; robberies decreased by 44% (9 in 2006 and 5 in 2007)
2. Five individuals from the neighborhood complete block club training. – Because the neighborhood was interested in block clubs, we did hold block club training in the neighborhood, but did not have people from the neighborhood attend.
3. The continuation of a walking club in the neighborhood. – Ongoing

--- end of 2008 Plan; 2007 Results for St. Anthony East Neighborhood

