

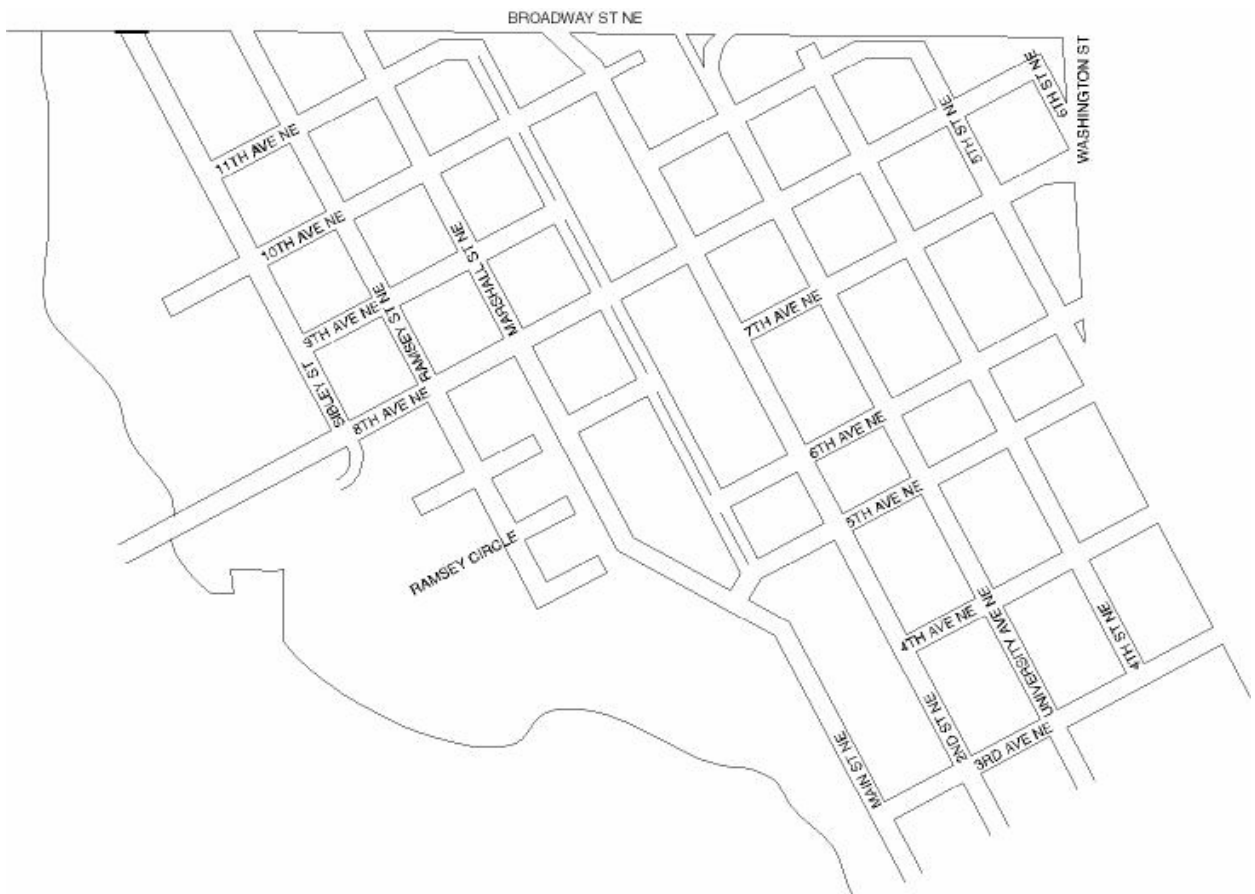


Minneapolis Police Department 2007 Neighborhood Policing Plan *St. Anthony West Neighborhood*

Introduction:

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

Neighborhood Map:



Precinct Contacts:

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Precinct Commander	Insp. Bob Skomra	673-5702

Overview:

St. Anthony West is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Minneapolis as part of the village of St. Anthony, established in 1849 on the east bank of the Mississippi River. The neighborhood is within walking distance of downtown and the University of Minnesota. St. Anthony West is also host to Boom Island Park, a 14-acre riverside park. Broadway Street NE is the northern boundary, and the neighborhood extends to Second Avenue on the south. The Mississippi River makes up the western extent and Washington and Fifth streets NE define the eastern boundary. St. Anthony West increased in population by 22.9 percent between 1980 and 2000, far outpacing the citywide increase of 3.1 percent. Between 1980 and 2000, the population of most age groups in St. Anthony West increased. Children and adolescent populations increased by 15 percent. The adult population added 352 residents at the same time – an increase of 22 percent, driven mainly by the 25- to 44-year-old age group. Senior residents increased by 32 percent because of an increase in people 85 years old and over.

Crime Statistics:

St. Anthony West had a 34 percent increase in crime in 2005, however realized a decrease in crime in 2006. This decrease resulted in total crime numbers being equal to the 2004 numbers, but with the following changes: increase in assaults from 2004 to 2006; increase in burglaries, decrease in thefts, and increase in motor vehicle thefts. Assaults did increase in the neighborhood during 2006; however the number of these reported decreased when the Super America took steps to dissipate problems at their location. There also was an increase in motor vehicle thefts in the neighborhood.

Focus for 2007:

- Assault
- Theft

Neighborhood Concerns:

St. Anthony West wants to continue to have a decrease in the number of crimes. The residents in the Neighborhood feel very safe, but are concerned that if they do not build awareness and increase their work to prevent crime that they can be vulnerable. Therefore, they wish to encourage block clubs and other actions which will build community and prevent crimes in their neighborhood.

2007 Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department will:

- Annually, St. Anthony West works with the Minneapolis Police Department to develop a “Cops on Bikes” program in the neighborhood.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will be working with the neighborhood to increase the awareness of prevention.
- The police and neighbors will participate in the CARE Task Force
- Precinct Officers will conduct directed patrol in the neighborhood to address curfew and truancy.
- 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 distribute crime alerts when necessary.

Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in St. Anthony West, 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. The Neighborhood will promote block clubs by calling and door-knocking and in the local press.
4. The neighborhood will have a participant in the 2nd Precinct PAC meetings who will provide input to the community members at the Neighborhood Association Meetings.

2007 Performance Measures

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

1. Decrease in assaults and burglaries by at least 3%.
2. 5 People from the Neighborhood to complete Block Club Training