

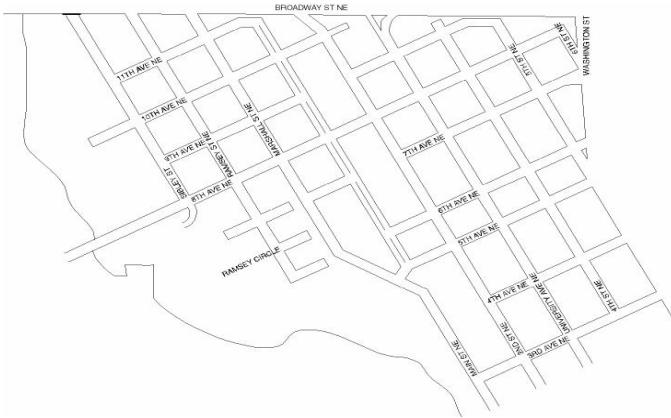


Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *St. Anthony West Neighborhood*

Introduction:

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

Neighborhood Map:



Precinct Contacts:

Second Precinct

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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 2007:

St. Anthony West had a 46% increase in crime in 2007. This increase was because of a high increase in burglary of dwelling (65% increase from 28 in 2006 to 47 in 2007) and theft (98% increase from 48 in 2006 to 95 in 2007). The other areas of Part One Crime should a decrease; these are rape, robbery, assault, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Focus in 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 West Neighborhood, we will focus on the following crime reduction strategies:

The Minneapolis Police Department will:

- 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 Crime Prevention specialist will distribute crime alerts when necessary.
- The police and neighbors will participate in the 3rd Ward CARE Task Force.
- 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.

2008 Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in St. Anthony West Neighborhood, policing is a team sport and residents are a key part of that team. Through the collaboration of MPD, St Anthony West Residents have committed to the following:

1. Reporting problems in the community by call 911, 311 and their crime prevention specialists to discuss the concerns and other resources available.
2. Participate in the 3rd Ward CARE Meetings.
3. The neighborhood will have a walking group to connect with neighbors.
4. Encourage residents to organize block clubs in the neighborhood and assist the Crime Prevention Specialist in Recruiting Block Club Leaders.
5. The neighborhood will assist in connecting youth to resources in the area.
6. Distribute crime alerts to community members when requested and encourage community members to complete community impact statements when appropriate.
7. 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 West Neighborhood:

1. Decrease of 3% in Burglary of Dwelling
2. Decrease of 3% in Theft
3. There will be 2 people who will attend block club training

ST. ANTHONY WEST 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

Neighborhood Concerns and Resolutions during 2007:

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. – **We were unsuccessful in recruiting block clubs members in the neighborhood to attend block club training, but,**

did offer Block Club Training where 5 attended and there was an increase in National Night Out Events in the Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Concerns 2007 for planning 2008:

- Burglary of Dwelling
- Theft

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. – Ongoing
- The Crime Prevention Specialist will be working with the neighborhood to increase the awareness of prevention. – Ongoing
- The police and neighbors will participate in the CARE Task Force – Ongoing
- 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. – Ongoing

2007 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. – 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. 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. – Ongoing

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%. – Goal Met - There was a 25% decrease in assaults and; Goal Not Met a 68% increase in burglaries.
2. 5 People from the Neighborhood to complete Block Club Training – Goal Met - We had 5 people attend block club training.

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

