



Minneapolis Police Department 2008 Neighborhood Policing Plan *University of Minnesota Neighborhood*

Introduction:

The University of Minnesota Neighborhood is in the Minneapolis Police Department's Second Precinct.

Neighborhood Map:



Precinct Contacts:

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| Second Precinct | 612-673-5702 |
| Crime Prevention Specialist --- Carol Oosterhuis | 612-673-2874 |
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| Precinct Commander --- Insp. Bob Skomra | 612-673-5702 |

Overview:

The University neighborhood is located east of downtown Minneapolis. The Mississippi River divides the neighborhood into the west bank and the east bank. The neighborhood is occupied almost entirely by the University of Minnesota, hence its name. Between 1980 and 2000, the population around University decreased by 4 percent, while the overall population in Minneapolis went up by about 3.1 percent. As it would be expected from a university neighborhood, the overwhelming majority of the population – 97 percent – falls within the 18-to 24-year-old age group. While the overall population decreased between 1980 and 2000, the number of 18- to 24-year-olds increased by 4 percent.

2007 Crime Statistics:

The largest number of crimes reported in the University Neighborhood is theft. These thefts are usually items left unattended in public areas, such as computers in libraries. The University of Minnesota Police Department serves this neighborhood which is composed of most of the Minneapolis campus. The University of Minnesota Police Department provides crime statistics for the St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses. In 2007, serious crime on campus against person declined 8% (24/26); at the same time campus burglary increased 25% (74/59), in part because of more accurately classifying certain offenses as burglary instead of theft. On campus theft declined 13% (619/715). Many are highly preventable crimes of opportunity. They do represent a significant improvement from the past, and credit crime prevention and community awareness for much of this decline.

Focus for 2008:

- Theft
- Assault
- * Burglary of dwelling, will also be a focus as Inspector Skomra has set this as a priority within the second precinct in addition to the neighborhood's main crime concerns.

Policing Strategy:

The Minneapolis Police Department will work with the University of Minnesota Police who patrol the campus area. 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.

2008 Policing Strategy and Neighborhood Engagement:

The Minneapolis Police Department will work closely with the University Police, the University Student Associations, the Minnesota Daily, and the University staff in the development of the University Safety Initiative "A safe you is a safe U"

2008 Performance Measures:

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in the University of Minnesota Neighborhood:

1. Decrease of at least 2% in thefts and robberies at the University.
2. Increase in the distribution of crime prevention information to the University.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

Neighborhood Engagement:

While the Minneapolis Police Department has committed to a number of steps to improve policing service in University of Minnesota, 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. The Minneapolis Police Department has developed table tents which students in the Greek organizations and MSA will be assisting in distributing at libraries, study areas, and other areas where students are most apt to leave computers, electronics, coats, and purses unattended. The informational table tents remind individuals not to leave items unattended. – **Completed**

2007 Performance Measures

We will use the following criteria to measure our success in policing the University of Minnesota Neighborhood:

1. Decrease of at least 2% in thefts and robberies at the University. – **There was a decrease of 13% (619/715) in theft on the Twin City campuses. There was a decrease in robberies on the Twin City campuses of 14% (12/14).**
2. Increase in the distribution of crime prevention information to the University. – **Students and the Crime Prevention Specialist distributed table tents about theft.**

--- end of 2008 Plan; 2007 Results for the University of Minnesota Neighborhood