



Minneapolis Police Department 2009 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:

Second Precinct	612-673-5702
Crime Prevention Specialist --- Nicholas Juarez	612-673-2797
Sector Commander --- Lt. Gregory Reinhardt	612-673-3587
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.

Crime Statistics 2008:

The University Neighborhood saw an overall reduction of crime by -85%. A significant decrease was in Criminal Sexual Conducts that fell from 3 to 0 in 2008. All other areas saw a decrease in crime: robberies by -77%, assaults by -13%, burglaries by -84%, thefts by -87% and motor vehicle thefts by -78%. The University of Minnesota Police Department serves this neighborhood which is composed of most of the Minneapolis campus.

Focus for 2009:

- Theft
- Burglary
- The University of Minnesota new football stadium

Policing Strategy for 2009:

- The police and neighbors will participate in the 2nd Precinct Police and Community Council (PAC).
- The Precinct 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, Child Protection, Adult Protection, mediation, and other city, county, and independent resources to solve problems.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist and Precinct will:
 - Work with Block Club Leaders, Greek Risk Managers and the University of Minnesota Police Department to recruit and train new block club leaders to establish new block clubs in the neighborhood.
 - Distribute crime alerts when necessary.
 - Educate the community to all the online resources that are available to them for use in their block clubs.
 - Administer the Citation Program for noisy assembly under Minneapolis City Ordinance 389.65.

2009 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”

- Report problems in the community by calling 911, 311 and their Crime Prevention Specialist to discuss the concerns and other possible resources available.
- Encourage residents to organize block clubs in the neighborhood and assist the Crime Prevention Specialist in recruiting Block Club Leaders.
- Distribute crime alerts to community members when requested and encourage community members to complete community impact statements when appropriate.
- Will have a representative to the 2nd Precinct Police and Community Council (PAC).

2009 Performance Measures:

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

- Decrease of at least 2% in thefts and robberies.
- Increase in the distribution of crime prevention information to the University.
- At least 2 new block club leaders will go through training.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 2008 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RESULTS

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. **Completed**

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” **Completed / Ongoing**

2008 Performance Measures:

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

- Decrease of at least 2% in thefts and robberies at the University. **Goal achieved, reduced thefts by -87% and robberies by -77%**
- Increase in the distribution of crime prevention information to the University. **Goal Achieved**

--- End of 2009 Plan; 2008 Results for the University of Minnesota Neighborhood