

THE LISC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR CREATING SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The following document was created as a result of the partnership between residents, institutions, businesses and police involved in LISC Safety in two neighborhoods. The partnership represents a desire to work in concert to create safer and healthier communities through short-term activities and long-term planning. The major objective of the partnership is that residents, children and youth, businesses and institutions can live, work, worship and play in an environment that is free from fear and where the community has control.

The following summary outlines areas of responsibility of major components in the community and their commitment to the partnership. It should be noted that this summary represents a commitment to perform the outlined activities and that the collective completion of these activities by individual participants will create positive results.

RESIDENTS

The Residents will:

- Patronize neighborhood businesses and take time to get to know people in businesses.
- Work with businesses to help keep parking lots clean.
- Work with City to put "No Parking" or "No Loitering" signs around stores.
- Develop block plans that include how to use vacant lot spaces, learn who owns lots and work together to keep lots clean, not always expecting someone else or city to keep them clean.
- Be aware of drug activities emerging or "in business" and notify police.
- Work with police, city and county prosecutor's office, DART unit and the Housing Court to address drug activities.

BUSINESSES

The Market/Convenience Store will:

- Increase the number of times the parking lot is cleaned from twice to three times a day.
- Call police for assistance when problems arise.
- Post "No Loitering" signs.
- Cooperate in filing complaints against violators of "No Loitering" signs and appear in court.
- Clean up vacant lot and fence the alley south of the store.
- Restrict the use of the pay phones for 911 calls only, between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.
- Continue to open after 9 a.m. after the children have left the school bus stop.

- Participate in neighborhood associations and CSI team.

The Laundromat will:

- Install more lighting.
- Continue to monitor laundromat with security cameras.
- Explore the loitering around bus stop with CSI Team and press charges against violators.
- Participate in neighborhood associations and CSI Team.
- Encourage police business at the establishment.

The Oil Company/Gas Station will:

- Install more lighting.
- Hire children that loiter to help keep lot clean and do beautification projects.
- Place signs on gas pumps to inform customers not to leave cars running while paying for gas in an effort to reduce car theft opportunities.
- Participate in neighborhood associations and CSI Team and work to create a business association.

The involved Community Development Corporation will:

- Provide co-leadership for the LISC Safety Team implementation with Metro Police Department.
- Provide community organizing staff for coordinating CSI efforts with public safety programs in both neighborhoods.
- Assist residents/block groups with vacant lot use and respond to requests emerging from blocks, businesses and the CSI Team regarding improvements to infrastructure, housing and commercial stock in neighborhoods.
- Identify resources and assist residents in accessing appropriate resources from outside the neighborhoods.

The involved Affordable Housing Development Group will:

- Maintain clean environment at complex.
- Provide on-site security as preventative measure.
- Hold weekly and as-needed interaction with police regarding drug activities on-site and outside complex.
- Provide community meeting space for police and neighborhood groups.
- Participate in neighborhood events, i.e., clean-ups.
- Disseminate community information to tenants.
- Engage a tenant to participate on the CSI Team.
- Participate in Neighborhood Association meetings upon request and respond to the concerns related to the complex.
- Provide opportunities for community participation in current and future program development.

The Church will:

- Continue to work in partnership with community residents, police and other institutions.
- Pursue renovation of 3,000 square feet of upper floor of church for community use.
- Continue working with other housing and church groups to raise the awareness of households in the neighborhoods relative to crime issues and assets of neighborhoods.

The Presbyterian Church will:

- Work through the church's Outreach Committee to increase general church membership's awareness of the neighborhood in which it is located and to get membership more involved to support neighborhood activities and service providers through the use of the church facility.
- Renovate the log cabin building for community use.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation will:

- Provide funding, technical assistance and evaluation to the organizations involved and LISC Safety efforts through national LISC and local LISC staff.
- Work with CSI Team in public relations and communications to "tell the story" of change in the neighborhoods as result of the partnership work.

The Neighborhood Association will:

- Work in partnership with community residents, police and other institutions through CSI.
- Coordinate regular neighborhood clean-up campaigns to maintain a clean living environment.

The Health Center will:

- Provide affordable, primary medical care, behavioral health services, dentistry and social services to the community.
- Provide health care during non-traditional hours; evenings, weekends and holidays.
- Provide Mobile Health care and Patient Advocacy Services.
- Provide educational groups that focus on health care.
- Provide intensive community support, in the form of health education, transportation and guidance to the citizens in the neighborhood that are coping with long term mental illnesses.
- Provide outreach services that focus on preventative health care.
- Provide mobile immunizations to children to help prevent childhood diseases.

- Provide lights in the parking lots at night.
- Provide security guard coverage 24 hours a day, who are also available to escort employees to their automobiles at night.
- Use surveillance cameras to continuously observe the health center parking lots.
- Provide daily security patrol services.
- Provide a safe environment for community groups, organizations and agencies to hold meetings.
- Participate in neighborhood associations and CSI Team meetings.

The involved Community Development Corporation will:

- Maintain a clean environment on all properties.
- Participate in neighborhood events, i.e., clean-ups.
- Work with the Oil Company to maintain clean parking lots.
- Incorporate youth into community activities (i.e. neighborhood clean-ups).

The Geriatric Center will:

- Participate in neighborhood associations and the Community Safety Initiative.
- Hire qualified neighborhood residents to help reduce unemployment.
- Work with the CSI team to address problems of loitering, including reporting loiterers to police and pressing charges.
- Maintain the property.
- Make available vacant property for community garden, increasing neighborhood cohesion.

GOVERNMENT

The Metro Police Division will:

- Provide co-leadership for the LISC Safety Team implementation with involved, leading Community Development Corporation.
- Stop by stores more frequently and take time to get to know clerks as well as managers.
- Continue to advise on security issues (Metro Community Relations staff recently conducted a survey for the Market/Convenience Store).
- Increase "Are You Safe" crime prevention presentations in the communities.
- Work closely with prosecutor's office and the DART unit and will receive drug house reports from residents.
- Conduct annual Citizen's Academy.

The Prosecutor's Office will:

- Provide a Community Liaison to serve as a link between the Prosecutor's Office and the involved neighborhoods.
- Work on a daily/weekly basis with the neighborhoods in reporting drug houses.

- Assist with block work to help carry out the LISC Safety goals and will train residents to combat drugs and crime.
- Work with neighborhoods to develop residents' leadership skills and provide support materials related to crime prevention.
- Attend community forums and help organize special crime prevention workshops as it relates to the betterment of the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Preservation Department will:

- Participate in CSI Team and sub-committee meetings to serve as a resource on code issues and policies and refer members to other city departments as needed.
- Receive information from residents and investigate properties and initiate legal activities to abate violations.
- Inform the DART Unit of suspected suspect drug houses.

The undersigned hereby represent the above mentioned components of the Community Safety Team and pledge our commitment to work together to create a safe and healthy environment in our neighborhoods. We agree to participate in a quarterly review of our commitment to determine our progress, to update and to provide additions. We stand ready to be accountable to our partners and pledge our support to uphold our part of the agreement.

Metro Police Divison

Prosecutor's Office

Market/Convenience Store

Laundromat

Oil Company/Gas Station

Involved CDC

Involved Affordable Housing Group

Church

Presbyterian Church

Local Initiative Support Corporation

Neighborhood Association

Involved CDC

Neighborhood Preservation Dept.

Health Center

Resident

CDC Community Organizer

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