



RESIDENT SAFETY & SECURITY: COMMITTEE UPDATE

MAY 2015

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Review Findings

Trends in Safety & Security

Examples & Best Practices

Lessons Learned & Next Steps





CURRENT FINDINGS

Assets



Graduates of WSPD Citizens Police Academy

- **School safety was rated highly by both adult and youth survey respondents**
- **Visible police patrols have had positive impacts according to residents**
- **WSPD programs: Police Explorers, Citizens Police Academy, N'hood Watch, Secure Communities**

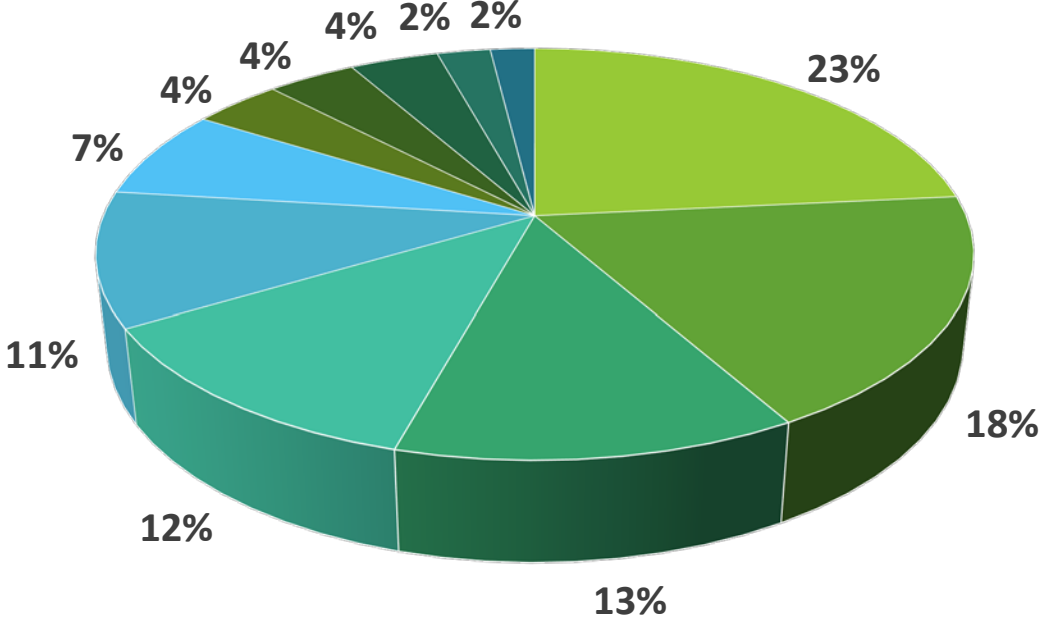


Challenges



- Nearly 300 crimes have been reported within a 1/2 -mile radius of the neighborhood since October 2014
- City reports Cleveland Ave. crime rate is 9x higher than city as a whole
- Residents indicate that crime seems to stem from outsiders, not CAH residents

Crime Reports 10/14- 4/14



- Assault
- Burglarism
- Vehicle Break-in/Theft
- Fraud
- Drugs/Alcohol Violations
- Disturbing the Peace
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- DUI
- Theft/Larceny
- Weapons
- Robbery



Resident Survey Findings

- 20% of respondents rate daytime safety 1-2 out of 5

- Top Problem Areas:

1. Drug use, 2. Litter/Dumping & 3. Domestic Violence

- Top Enforcement Issues:

1. Traffic, and 2. Speed control

- Youth survey respondents note violence (particularly shootings and fighting) as an area of particular concern

- Feedback indicates that distrust between law enforcement and residents may cause crime to go unreported





**TRENDS IN IMPROVING
SAFETY & SECURITY**

Best Practices

- Improved lighting/ design features
- Community partnerships against crime
- Youth activities and education
- Building relationships with law enforcement



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



CPTED

- **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**

‘a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design’

- **CPTED strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts.**



What We Heard

Drug Use/Dealing

Lack of Communication

Lack of Enforcement

Speeding

Shootings

Fighting

Domestic Conflicts

Litter

Lack of Parental Supervision

Unsafe for Children

Disrespect for Elderly

Parking Issues

Too Far Away from School

Non-Residents

Noisy



CPTED Principles

- **Natural Surveillance**
- **Natural Access Control**
- **Territorial Reinforcement**
- **Maintenance**



Natural Surveillance



‘Eyes on the Streets’



Natural Surveillance

- **Streets that encourage bicycle & pedestrian traffic**
- **Encourage interaction in public & semi-public areas**
- **Maximize visibility from doors, windows, sidewalks & parking areas**
- **Quality lighting, primarily pedestrian scale**









Natural Access Control

- **Clearly identifiable entrances**
- **Landscape to limit access or direct flow**
- **Fencing at appropriate heights (low in front)**





Territorial Reinforcement

- **Promotes social control through increased definition of space & improved proprietary concern**
- **Use structures, paths, landscape & lighting to define boundaries**
- **Make intruders ‘stand out’**





Maintenance & Management

- An expression of ownership of property
- Broken windows theory
- Zero tolerance policy





LESSONS LEARNED & NEXT STEPS

Lessons Learned

- Involve residents in the conversation- public forums, “Coffee with a Cop,” AMAs, social media
- Increase law enforcement visibility in community- and not just when a crime is reported/suspected



Today's Discussion

- **Identify goals:** What safety and security goals/outcomes are best for Cleveland Ave.?
- **Inventory assets:** What “lessons learned” are already in place?
- **Prioritize strategies:** What actions should we focus on
- **Make commitments / partnerships:** Who will help make this happen?

