

# NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NS&CP 1: RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT IN ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS LIMITED

*Desired Outcome: The neighborhood is actively engaged in crime prevention efforts.*

**Strategy NS&CP 1.1: Engage and educate neighborhood residents and stakeholders (churches, schools, business owners, landlords) on crime reporting, fire prevention, and personal safety techniques.**

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.1:** Promote the use of “Crime Stoppers” as a means for residents to anonymously report crime and suspicious activities taking place in the neighborhood. Inform residents that those who offer tips on criminal activities occurring in the neighborhood do not have to testify.

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.2:** Identify and appoint block captains for the Griffin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch, giving priority to the crime “hot spot” areas in the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.3:** Collaborate with area churches to host safety workshops and engage young people.

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.4:** Collaborate with the large apartment complexes in the neighborhood to host safety info sessions and to identify residents who are willing to get involved in a Crime Watch for their apartment complex.

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.5:** Host an annual Safety Fair and other safety-related workshops/event(s) in the neighborhood to address crime and fire prevention, disaster preparedness and personal safety.

**Action Item NS&CP 1.1.6:** Partner with area schools to engage with parents and students at school orientations, open houses and other school events to promote personal and neighborhood safety.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NS&CP 2: THERE IS A NEED TO STRENGTHEN TRUST AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

*Desired Outcome: Law enforcement and residents engage often and are visible in the neighborhood together.*

**Strategy NS&CP 2.1: Work with the Tallahassee Police Department to promote and enhance community policing efforts.**

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.1:** Host activities and events that provide opportunities for law enforcement and residents to have positive and peaceful interactions and engagement. (Ex: Operation Safe Neighborhoods, Coffee with Cops, etc.) Host these activities in apartment complexes (Griffin Heights Apt., Springfield Apts.) in addition to other areas of the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.2:** Work with other neighborhoods to create a series of ongoing monthly, solution-focused dialogues about racism, history, and relationships with police, etc.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.3:** Work with TPD and LCSO to conduct targeted officer recruitment in the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.4:** Encourage TPD and LCSO leadership to diversify and enhance de-escalation training including providing opportunities to officers to intern in other countries where officers do not carry guns.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.5:** Collaborate with TPD and LCSO to establish an “Officer in Residence” housing program for the Griffin Heights neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.6:** Advocate for a COPPS unit in Griffin Heights; including officers on the beat.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.7:** Collaborate with TPD to explore the feasibility of establishing police substations in apartment complexes in the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 2.1.8:** Promote TPD’s Residential Surveys as a community resource.





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## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NS&CP 3: SPEEDING AND OTHER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OCCURRING ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

*Desired Outcome: Speeding and other traffic violations within the neighborhood are reduced.*

**Strategy NS&CP 3.1:** Use traffic engineering design concepts to reduce speeding and other traffic violations.

**Action Item NS&CP 3.1.1:** Enhance/increase traffic signage along neighborhood gateway streets (Basin, California, Colorado and Alabama).



**Action Item NS&CP 3.1.2:** Prioritize streets for the installation of traffic calming features.

**Strategy NS&CP 3.2:** Establish safe walking routes to area schools and churches and inform parents and students about these routes.

**Action Item NS&CP 3.2.1:** Work with TPD, Leon County School District and area schools to identify resources to ensure student safety.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NS&CP 4: DRUG ACTIVITY

*Desired Outcome: Drug activity in the neighborhood is dramatically reduced.*

**Strategy NS&CP 4.1:** Work with law enforcement and other community partners to decrease illegal drug activity in the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 4.1.1:** Request TPD install surveillance cameras in strategic locations.

**Action Item NS&CP 4.1.2:** Encourage residents to call TPD to report incidents of drug activities taking place in the neighborhood.

**Action Item NS&CP 4.1.3:** Partner with service providers and faith communities to educate residents on substance use treatment resources. Assess the possibility of implementing a street outreach program to connect individuals to substance use resources.

**Action Item NS&CP 4.1.4:** Connect "Opportunity Youth" (Youth ages 16 to 24 years old not enrolled in school or currently employed) to the TEMPO program for educational and entrepreneurial training/resources



## NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN NS&CP 5: LOITERING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORES

*Desired Outcome: Residents feel safe when walking or driving by the convenience stores.*

**Strategy NS&CP 5.1:** Reduce the incidence of loitering at neighborhood stores.

**Action Item NS&CP 5.1.1:** Engage store owners and the owners of the lots adjacent to these businesses to help reduce loitering.

**Action Item NS&CP 5.1.2:** Connect those that are loitering to resources and alternate places to gather.

**Action Item NS&CP 5.1.3:** Create additional or enhance existing community gathering spots.

