



## **Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods**

**Date: June 30, 2008**

**Mission:** Provide safe and secure neighborhoods environment

**Strategy:**

- The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections will promote partnership between Wichita Police Department /Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board/African American Coalition to change stereotypes and reduce fears of the police and youth of color by training youth how to deal with the police and vice versa.

**Activities:**

- Team members from each agency will be assigned to develop and present a written plan to the Safe and Secure Pillar Group by August 1, 2008.
- Conduct a Pre/Post survey of attitudes and value of the training in promoting communication and understanding.

**Outcomes:**

- To improve police and youth communication and cooperation.
- To give the youth a better understanding of the police officer role in the community.

**Next Steps:**

- Development and approval of a plan.

**Baseline Impact:**

- To improve community safety in 67214.



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- The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections will promote development of a cross-agency gang offender supervision partnership between Community Corrections/Parole/Wichita Police Department to enhance public safety, crime reduction and crime prevention.

**Activities:**

- Team members from each agency will be assigned to develop and present a written plan to the Safe and Secure Pillar Group by August 1, 2008.
- Implement monthly team meetings to coordinate and share agency information about targeted offenders behaviors, associates, supervision conditions, plans and compliance will begin by September 1, 2008.

**Outcomes:**

- Increase communications between police, county and state correctional agencies.
- Decrease the amount of recidivism for individuals on probation, parole or who have a high potential for crime (gang members).

**Next Steps:**

- Development and approval of a plan.

**Baseline Impact:**

- To lower the crime rate in the NCI area.



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**Strategy:**

- The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections will partner with the Wichita Police Department in the Faith Base Initiative by promoting development of a comprehensive faith-based gang intervention program in the area to help youth and adults in leaving gang life (Homeboy Industries Model).

**Activities:**

- Continue to identify and schedule meetings with community and business partners.
- Research and analyze crime victimization baseline data for adults and juveniles.
- Completion of a written plan with action steps and dates by 12-15-2008.

**Outcomes:**

- To give a program to the community that is needed and wanted in order to help individuals make better choices.
- To coordinate the efforts of other groups such as positive mentor programs and alternative school programs which would allow individuals to make different choices in their lifestyle.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue through 2008.
- To introduce or develop other programs that would be designed for the 67214 area.

**Baseline Impact:**

- To lower the amount of individuals who are involved in street gangs and to increase the number of agencies that will help them.



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**Strategy:**

- Develop a quicker response for graffiti removal from neighborhoods in designated area.

**Activities:**

- There have been documented (28) cases of graffiti and police have documented these incidents with a case number. Office of Central inspection was contacted regarding these cases and expedited the clean-up process due to these (28) cases being gang type graffiti.
- Department members set up a folder in which they can download photographs of the graffiti, which can then be viewed by the Gang Unit and OCI. This saves the Gang Unit Detectives time, so that they don't have to go to the graffiti location to photograph and view the graffiti in person.
- Weekly meetings are conducted with OCI, ES to address graffiti issues.
- Increased patrols in high incident graffiti areas and development of suspect(s) in several cases by talking with witnesses and victims.

**Outcomes:**

- Reduce the amount of graffiti in 2008 compared to 2007 in the designated neighborhood.
- Track the number of suspects being arrested and convicted for graffiti criminal activities.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue community education and awareness regarding reporting graffiti and removing in a timely manner.
- Provide a progress report to the Safe and Secure Pillar Group members on October 16, 2008.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Reduce neighborhood blight that is attributed to graffiti and enhance community safety.
- Engaging and empowering citizens to report graffiti and know that it will be removed timely.



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**Strategy:**

- Engage citizens to establish new or revitalize Neighborhoods Watch Program.

**Activities:**

- There have been (7) seven Neighborhood Watches initiated.
- The following surveys have been conducted regarding neighborhood concerns:
  1. Fairmount Plaza
  2. 44 Beat Follow-up survey
  3. Business Alliance on Broadway
  4. Sunflower Apartments
  5. 1320 E. Central "Touch of Class"

**Outcomes:**

- Number of Neighborhood Watch Programs established.
- 50% of the neighborhood residents participation in Neighborhood Watch Program.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue effort to increase Neighborhood Watch Programs in identified area.
- Assess progress on October 16, 2008.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Crime and quality of life issues improved.
- Change in neighborhood environment.



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**Strategy:**

- Identify deteriorated and/or abandoned commercial buildings/property, and initiate appropriate action to accomplish repair/cleanup.

**Activities:**

- Survey of commercial buildings/locations problems.
- Initiation of required enforcement actions.
- Development of a façade improvement or commercial repair loan program.

**Outcomes:**

- Reduce the number of commercial buildings that affect neighborhood safety and quality of life.
- Track the number of enforcement actions and dispositions.
- Improve the façade of buildings.

**Next Steps:**

- Analyze the survey information.
- Develop action steps to address identified issues.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Enhance the appearance of neighborhoods.
- Enhance accountability of property owners to ensure compliance of buildings.



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**Strategy:**

- Reduce the number of dangerous, boarded-up and/or other non-complying building and premise conditions through proactive code enforcement, in coordination with DHCS, WPD, WFD, community/housing non-profits and Neighborhood Associations.

**Activities:**

- Inspectors will initiate, resolve and track the number of environmental premise condition cases.

**Outcomes:**

- Number of dangerous building condemnation cases initiated and resolved.
- Percentage reduction in number of boarded structures.
- Number of housing code cases initiated and resolved.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to work with property owners to improve buildings and conditions.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Change in neighborhood environment.
- Enhance accountability and responsibility for maintaining property.



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**Strategy:**

- Encourage more neighborhood participation in neighborhood code enforcement and complaint resolution.

**Activities:**

- With Neighborhood Assistants, coordinate and conduct Neighbor-to-Neighbor training, and assist in implementation as necessary.
- Increase participation in the City's Neighborhood Cleanup program.

**Outcomes:**

- Number of neighborhood associations represented.
- Number of cleanups completed.
- Number of volunteers participating in cleanups.

**Next Steps:**

- Work with the Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, Inc to promote neighborhood clean-ups.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Neighbors will be engaged with maintain neighborhood appearance.



## **Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods**

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**Mission:** Address criminal justice issues by improving physical conditions and engaging all residents.

### **Strategy:**

- Engage neighborhood associations and residents in physical improvements in the area to increase sense of security and discourage criminal activity.

### **Activities:**

- Fund and/or coordinate physical improvements on homes.
- Conduct safety and security surveys on homes and businesses in partnership with Wichita Police Department.

### **Outcomes:**

- There is a visible change in the neighborhood – evidenced by before and after pictures.
- 50% of residents and business owners contacted, implement security improvements.

### **Next Steps:**

- Continue to reach all homes & businesses within specific geographic areas with higher risk of criminal activity.
- Identify sources of assistance for homeowners and businesses to make security improvements.

### **Baseline Impact:**

- Community property conditions improve.
- Criminal activity is reduced in target areas.
- Residents and businesses report greater sense of security through pre and post questionnaires.



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**Strategy:**

- Include the Offender Re-entry Program Officer when dealing with gang members returning to the community.

**Activities:**

- There are 17 total gang members participating in Re-entry to date. Nine (9) live in the community and eight (8) are still incarcerated.
- Release Notifications on participants are distributed DL Police, which includes Investigations, Community Policing, SCAT, and all supervisors.
- There have been accountability panels held for (2) two participants who admitted to drug and alcohol use. None of the gang members on Re-entry caseload have received new charges.

**Outcomes:**

- The number of gang members that successfully transition into the community.
- Reduced by approximately 10-20% recidivism of gang members that participate in the Offender Re-entry Program that live in the focused area.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to identify and work with future clients to successfully transition into the community.
- Assess progress on October 16, 2008.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Clients successfully completing the transition back to the community.
- Assess the number of clients that are self sufficient, employed and living on their own.



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**Strategy:**

- Through the use of Re-entry and Risk Reduction strategies, the number of convictions picked up by offenders on parole supervision in Sedgwick County will decline.

**Activities:**

- Work is continuing regarding the specific activities for this goal.

**Outcomes:**

- Frequency of full and sustained employment of offenders living in the New Communities Initiative boundaries will increase.
- Frequency of offenders residing in the New Communities Initiative boundaries who live in appropriate and stable housing will increase.

**Next Steps:**

- Work in progress, due to this a new goal from KDOC.
- Access progress on October 16, 2008.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Frequency of absconding by offenders living in the New Communities Initiative will decline.



## **Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods**

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**Mission:** Target department home repair (and other) funds to improve safety and security for homeowners.

**Strategy:**

- Install locks and other security devices on homes in target neighborhoods.

**Activities:**

- Offer financial assistance to homeowners during security surveys.
- Partner with faith based organizations to identify senior citizens who would benefit from financial assistance for security devices.

**Outcomes:**

- Homes are secured with appropriate locks and other security hardware, as well as smoke detectors.
- Citizens are made aware of benefits of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to make assistance available.
- Partner with local vendors to locate security devices at low or no cost.

**Baseline Impact:**

- Residents experience a greater sense of security.
- Home invasions are reduced based on Police Department statistics.
- Residents and businesses report greater sense of security through pre and post questionnaires.



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### **Strategy:**

- The Kansas Department of Corrections will establish procedures that allow the Wichita Police Department to access, for investigative purposes, the recorded telephone conversation of targeted offenders in or formerly in the custody of the Secretary of Corrections.

### **Activities:**

- The Wichita Police Department and Kansas Department of Corrections will develop the appropriate protocol to ensure accountability of this investigative mechanism.
- An implementation date will be determined once the partners have developed the procedures.

### **Outcomes:**

- Tracking the number of successful investigations as the result of this access.

### **Next Steps:**

- Implementation of the access procedures.
- Access progress on October 16, 2008.

### **Baseline Impact:**

- Ability to prevent and solve criminal cases through investigative tool.
- Successful prosecution of suspects in criminal activity.



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### **Strategy:**

- Provide mentoring for juvenile offenders in order to provide a means to channel their energies toward being good, law-abiding, productive citizens.

### **Activities:**

- Initiate a mentoring program for juvenile offenders.
- Provide guidance to those with a propensity for fire play by enrolling fire setters in the Youth Fire Safety Intervention Program (Y-FIRE).

### **Outcomes:**

- Provide a program that addresses juvenile fire setting.
- Improve safety by stopping dangerous fire play.

### **Next Steps:**

- Evaluate program and make necessary improvements.
- Continue to mentor troubled youths.

### **Baseline Impact:**

- Improve neighborhoods by eliminating vacant properties.
- Reduce recidivism as it relates to juvenile fire setters.



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- Wichita Fire Fighters will interact with citizens to reduce blight and report any properties to the Office of Central Inspection that are identified as attractive nuisances thus reducing arson occurrences.

### **Activities:**

- Attend neighborhood association meetings to solicit input.
- Fire Fighters will continue to participate in City-wide Stop Blight projects.
- Provide information via the "FLASH" (Fire Loss Awareness for Safer Homes).

### **Outcomes:**

- Develop close relationships with neighborhood members.
- Clean up neighborhoods.

### **Next Steps:**

- Expand target areas.
- Solicit community involvement identifying blighted areas.

### **Baseline Impact:**

- Clean up neighborhoods thus making them safer.
- Provide a means whereby citizens can take pride in their neighborhood.



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### **Strategy:**

- Address citizen health and wellness by maintaining an open door for those who wish to have their blood pressure and glucometer check performed at neighborhood fire stations.

### **Activities:**

- Conduct blood pressure, pulse and glucometer checks for citizens that visit a fire station.
- Provide information related to health and wellness.

### **Outcomes:**

- Provide a means whereby citizens can become more aware of their health and wellness.
- Improve the interaction between Firefighters and those we serve.

### **Next Steps:**

- Maintain and/or improve station and personnel availability.
- Improve the standard of service by providing additional health and wellness information.

### **Baseline Impact:**

- Improve the general health and wellness of community members.
- Improve the relationship between Firefighter and citizens.