



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Commercial Blight (OCI)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

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

Activities:

- Survey of commercial buildings/locations problems.
 - Survey initiated 8/4/08 – scheduled completion date, 10/1/08.
- Initiation of required enforcement actions.
 - Some enforcement action initiated (see Outcomes below)
- Development of a façade improvement or commercial repair loan program.
 - No action as of 8/15/08.

Outcomes:

- Reduce the number of commercial buildings that affect neighborhood safety and quality of life.
- Track the number of enforcement actions and dispositions (cases initiated and resolved).
 - 2007: 20 cases initiated, 7 cases resolved
 - 2008 (thru 8/15/08): 5 cases initiated, 6 cases resolved
- Improve the façade of buildings.
 - See Activities bullet three above

Next Steps:

- Complete survey and 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.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Boarded Structures (OCI)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

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 housing condition cases.

Outcomes:

- Number of dangerous building condemnation cases initiated and resolved.
 - 2005: 20 initiated, 17 resolved
 - 2006: 29 initiated, 30 resolved
 - 2007: 58 initiated, 40 resolved
 - 2008 (thru 8/15/08): 42 initiated, 39 resolved
- Percentage reduction in number of boarded structures.
 - 43.9%, from 433 to 243* (as of 8/15/08)
*The neglected building (boarded property registration) ordinance was adopted in late 2006; baseline of 433 boarded structures was as of 3/31/07.
- Number of housing code cases initiated and resolved.
 - 2005: 211 initiated, 258 resolved
 - 2006: 212 initiated, 197 resolved
 - 2007: 303 initiated, 144 resolved
 - 2008 (thru 8/15/08): 180 initiated, 146 resolved

Next Steps:

- Continue to work with property owners to improve buildings and conditions.
 - New START (StopBlight Action Response Team) area selected and work initiated (Grove & Poplar from 15th to 17th). First START area (2007) was on Grove & Poplar from 13th to 15th.
 - Continue work with A. Price Woodard and McAdams Neighborhood Associations to begin implementation of “Neighbor-to-Neighbor” programs in fall of 2008 (training conducted in spring 2008).

Baseline Impact:

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



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Code Enforcement (OCI)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

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 in Neighbor-to-Neighbor training.
 - Waiting on information from Neighborhood Assistance Office
- Number of neighborhood representatives receiving Neighbor-to-Neighbor training.
 - Waiting on information from Neighborhood Assistance Office
- Number of Neighbor-to-Neighbor programs implemented.
 - None to date
- Number of cleanups completed.
 - 2005: 7
 - 2006: 7
 - 2007: 6
 - 2008 (thru 8/15/08): 5
- Number of volunteers participating in cleanups.
 - 2005: 85
 - 2006: 85
 - 2007: 63
 - 2008 (thru 8/15/08): 75

Next Steps:

- Work with the Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, Inc. and NCI area Neighborhood Associations and community groups to promote neighborhood clean-ups.

Baseline Impact:

- Neighbors will be engaged with maintaining neighborhood appearance.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Cross Agency Gang Partnership (SC Corrections)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

- 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 have been assigned to develop and present a written plan to the Safe and Secure Pillar Group by September 1, 2008.
- Bi-monthly team meetings have been implemented to coordinate and share agency information about targeted offenders behaviors, associates, supervision conditions, plans and compliance.
- A target population has been selected and will serve as a baseline group for tracking outcomes.

Outcomes:

- Increase communications between police, county and state correctional agencies.
- Increase accountability through enhanced supervision activities.
- Connect targeted offenders to necessary resources that reduce their risk to reoffend.
- Reduce Part I crimes in 67214 in CY 2009 (from baseline CY 2005)

Next Steps:

- Present written plan to the Pillar group by September 1, 2008.
- Continue bi-monthly team meetings to fully implement the plan.

Baseline Impact:

- To improve public safety by reducing the Part I crime rate in the NCI area.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Advisory Board/African American Coalition (SC Corrections)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

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:

- Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board and African American Coalition have agreed to work together on the strategy.
- Work is being coordinated with the citizens group working on racial profiling. A law-related curriculum is being discussed to expand on current activities and materials that include “Rap with a Cop” and “Know Your Rights”.

Outcomes:

- To improve police and youth communication, cooperation and understanding.
- To give the youth a better understanding of the police officer role in the community.
- To reduce the annual number of youth being arrested for KSA offenses who reside in 67214 (JIAC annual admissions).
- Pre/Post survey of attitudes and value of the training sessions will show positive results.
- To increase the number of youth (and families) served by crime prevention programs (JJA and County Crime Prevention Funds) who reside in 67214.

Next Steps:

- Continue planning meetings to select materials and information to fully implement the strategy in 2008.
- Develop a written plan for presentation to the Pillar group by October 15, 2008.

Baseline Impact:

- To reduce the number of youth being arrested who reside in 67214.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Faith Based Strategy (SC Corrections)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

- The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections will partner with the Wichita Police Department in the Faith Based 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 potential community, business and government partners.
- Research and analyze crime victimization baseline data for adults and juveniles.
- Advocate for national level training to be included on this topic at the Kansas Governors Conference on Juvenile Justice which will be held in Wichita in June 2009.
- Completion of a written plan with action steps and dates by December 15, 2008.

Outcomes:

- To plan and implement a comprehensive gang prevention and intervention strategy to reduce violence.
- To develop and implement a program and strategies to assist individuals in leaving gang life.
- To reduce Part I crimes in 67214 in CY 2009 (from baseline CY 2005).

Next Steps:

- Continue meetings to advocate for and build community partnerships.

Baseline Impact:

- To reduce violence and increase public safety through community engagement.
- To improve public safety by reducing the Part I crime rate in the NCI area.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Graffiti Removal (Police)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods environment

Strategy:

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

Activities:

- Patrol North Bureau is tracking and monitoring graffiti. All information is maintained in the “Graffiti Log Book” and reported to OCI to be removed.
- 53 incidents of graffiti were recorded and documented.
- 28 cases of graffiti were documented with a case number. OCI was contacted to expedite the clean-up process due to these 28 cases being gang type graffiti.
- A database was formed to record all documented cases of graffiti in the Patrol North Bureau. This process eliminates the possibility of duplication in the recording of graffiti.
- Patrol North Bureau is working closely with the Gang Unit and OCI when documenting graffiti that is threatening in nature or gang related.
- A database folder was created to download photographs of graffiti, which can then be viewed by the Gang Unit and OCI.
- Weekly meetings are conducted with OCI, ES to address graffiti issues.
- In January 2008 surveillance was conducted to look for gang graffiti offenders in high graffiti areas.
- Increased patrols in high incident graffiti areas and development of suspect(s) in several cases by talking with witnesses and victims.
- On January 15, 2008, a Gang Graffiti meeting was held at Patrol North that included a number of personnel from various departments.
- In February and March 2008 Bureau Commanders met with OCI Director Schroeder.
- On April 23 Pleasant Valley middle schools held the annual neighborhood clean-up day. The general locations graffiti was painted out were 21st & Amidon, 22nd & Somerset, 23rd & Burns, 2300 N. Fairview, 22nd & Broadway, 21st & Broadway and 21st & Market.
- A Graffiti Task Force committee started in April of 2008. The committee members include civilians, the neighborhood assistant from Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall, police officers, OCI and other City agencies. A graffiti Power Point presentation was put together and will be presented at Neighborhood Association meetings and USD 259 informational meetings.

- During the week of July 20th through July 27th, 2008 a special assignment was conducted in and around 21st and Broadway. During the assignment, three separate incidents of vandalism by graffiti were observed. All three juvenile were charged with vandalism. This particular area has seen a decline in graffiti incidents since this assignment.
- On July 31st, 2008 the City of Wichita and WESTAR entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to have murals painted on poles in areas that are affected by graffiti vandalisms. This was a collaborative effort between the task force members, City of Wichita and WESTAR.

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 is it will be removed timely.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Housing Improvements (Housing)

Date: September 11, 2008

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:

- 7 new roofs (\$29,636.19); 11 paint grants (\$1,678.47); 3 paint labor grants (\$7,165); 2 neighborhood clean-ups (\$303+).
- Conduct safety and security surveys on homes and businesses in partnership with Wichita Police Department. (no update).

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.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Targeted Home Repair Funds (Housing)

Date: September 11, 2008

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. (no update)
- Partner with faith based organizations to identify senior citizens who would benefit from financial assistance for security devices. (no update)

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.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Watch (Police)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods environment

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"
 6. Project Butterfly survey on 42 beat
 7. Mid Town Neighborhood Association Survey on 42 beat
- During distribution of the Mid Town survey citizens were asked to be block captains in newly formed Neighborhood Watches. A clinic on Neighborhood Watches will be conducted in September.
- 65 businesses in the 21st and Woodlawn area were contacted to meet during lunch and talk about forming a business watch. Only one business owner came to the meeting.
- Every beat in the Patrol North Bureau is conducting a survey to determine what is affecting neighborhoods within their respective beats. All of these surveys will be completed by the end of September.

Outcomes:

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

Next Steps:

- Continue efforts to increase Neighborhood Watch Programs in identified areas.
- Access progress on October 16, 2008.

Baseline Impact:

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



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Reentry (Police)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

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

Activities:

- There are 14 validated gang members participating in Re-entry: eight (8) are in the community, three (3) were released since the last update), six (6) are in prison, two (2) are new participants. Since the last update 4 have been dropped from the program. One (1) graduated, two (2) absconded, and 1 voluntarily left the program for personal reasons.
- Release notifications are still going out each month with the release of any Re-entry participant.
- There has been one (1) meeting with Community Corrections since the last update.
- Release Notifications on participants are distributed DL Police, which includes Investigations, Community Policing, SCAT, and all supervisors.
- Accountability panels have been held for (2) two participants who admitted to drug and alcohol consumption.
- One participant who is a gang member was recently sent back to prison without an Accountability Panel because of his association with other known gang members.

Outcomes:

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

Next Steps:

- Continue to identify and work with future clients to successfully transition into the community.
- Continue to sharing information to Investigations, Community Police, SCAT and Patrol Officers regarding clients.

Baseline Impact:

- Clients successfully complete the transition into the community.
- Improve the number of clients that are self sufficient, employed, and crime free.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Risk Reduction (Police)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods environment.

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.
- The average number of offenders on absconder status for warrants issued by the Wichita parole office has declined by 26% since FY 2007.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Telephone Access (SC Corrections/Police)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

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 times police investigators use this access to aid in ongoing criminal matters.

Next Steps:

- Identify the date for implementing procedures and protocol.
- Training Wichita Police Department personnel
- Develop an assessment mechanism to determine effectiveness

Baseline Impact:

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



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Fire Fighters & Blight (Fire)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

- 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:

- Fire Fighters will continue to participate in City-wide StopBlight projects.
- Chief Officers, Officers and Fire Fighters have attended monthly District Advisory Board , as well as numerous Neighborhood Association, meetings.
- Reducing Arson Targets (RAT) provides a means for all fire crews who identify homes in deplorable condition, attractive nuisances, to report said properties to the Office of Central Inspection for definitive action.
- Fire Department crews have been involved in 4 neighborhood clean-up activities in Beat 44 and South-Central Wichita.
- Fire Loss Awareness for Safer Homes (FLASH). Following a fire, fire crews contact citizens in the neighborhood the fire occurred and provide citizens information that will assist in making their homes free of fire hazards. To date we have contacted 395 homes and visited with 298 citizens.
- During “National Night Out”, fire crews visited 163 neighborhoods and contacted close to 8200 citizens. The message for a fire safe community was always in the forefront.

Outcomes:

- Develop close relationships with neighborhood members.
- Clean up neighborhoods and improve fire prevention awareness.

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 and be safer in their homes.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Fire Fighters & Wellness (Fire)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

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:

- Approximately 75 individuals weekly have participated in the blood pressure, pulse and glucometer checks at the fire stations. The program “Respond Early and Control Hypertension” (REACH) is being continued even though funding has been discontinued.
- Fire Department staff continue to promote the “Partners in Prevention” program , which addresses elderly and provides not only health care tips, it also provides information relating to exercising, fall prevention, evacuation familiarization and cooking safety. We also provide Home Safety Surveys and smoke alarm installations.
- While inspecting Care Homes and residential facilities that care for the elderly, fire department staff provides programs that address fire safety, health and wellness issues.
- The Wichita Fire Department members have participates in 21 Health and Wellness Fairs throughout the year. The Health and Wellness Fairs have included TMX Aero Space, Wichita Garden Show, Life Care Center of Wichita, Special Olympics and Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall.

Outcomes:

- Provide a means whereby citizens can become more aware of their health and wellness.
- Improve the interaction between Fire Fighters 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 Fire Fighters and citizens.



Pillar Group Report: Safe and Secure Neighborhoods – Youth Fire Safety (Fire)

Date: September 11, 2008

Mission: Provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Strategy:

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

Activities:

- Provide guidance to those with a propensity for fire play by enrolling fire setters in the Youth Fire Safety Intervention Program (Y-FIRE).
- Members of the Wichita Fire Department provide mentoring for area juveniles via the Lunch Buddy Program. Fire Fighters enter area schools during the lunch hour and provide positive guidance to students. A multitude of youths also participate in one on one mentoring opportunities within the Fire Prevention Division. Students actually work one on one with staff.
- Juvenile fire setters are enrolled in our Youth Fire Setter Intervention Resources Education Program (Y-FIRE). Fire setters along with their parents participate in a daylong educational program that is administered by organizations such as the Fire Department, Police Department, USD 259, the Juvenile Court System, Social Service Organizations and Via Christi Burn Center.
- The recidivism rate for the juvenile fire setter program is below two percent. The end result we are trying to achieve is to correct antisocial behavior and provide a stepping stone for juveniles that will help lift them out of a seemingly hopeless situation.

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.