

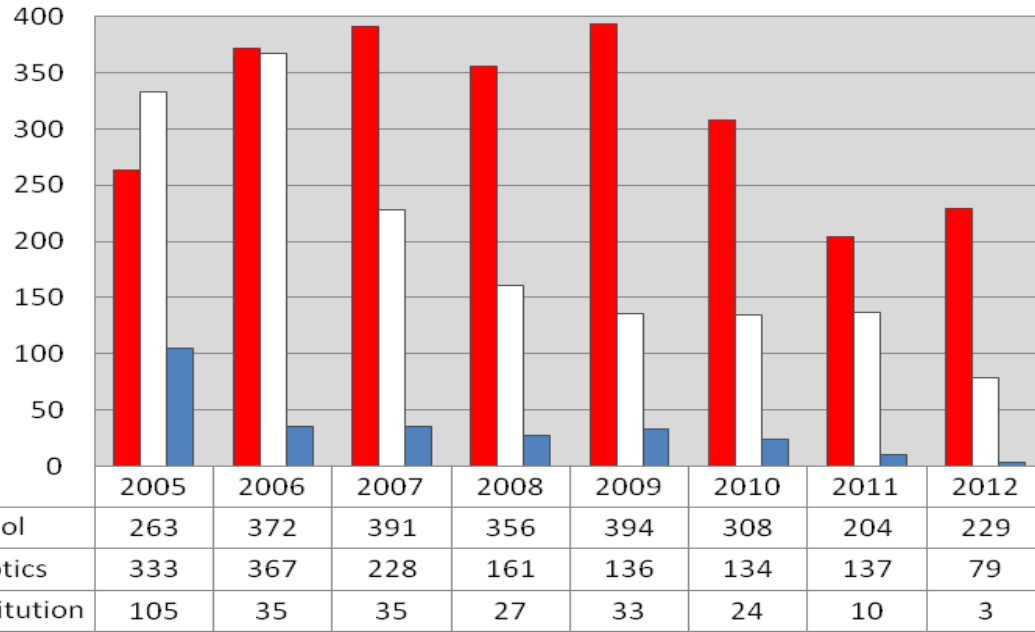
Safety Committee minutes – January 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.



Present: Ken Strobel and Michele McGaughey, co-chairs; Robert Lilligren, Ward 6 City Council; Rena Dudgeon and Aimee Colegrove, Minneapolis Police department; Jennifer Saunders, City Attorney’s Office; Deb Loveland, Minnesota Teen Challenge; Rob Helmerich, Rand Management; Dave Hautman, Franklin Nicollet Liquor; Eddie Chambers, Jerry Paulson, Robert Fischer, Sharona Lee, and safety coordinator Dave Delvoye (dave_ssc@yahoo.com or 874-2840)

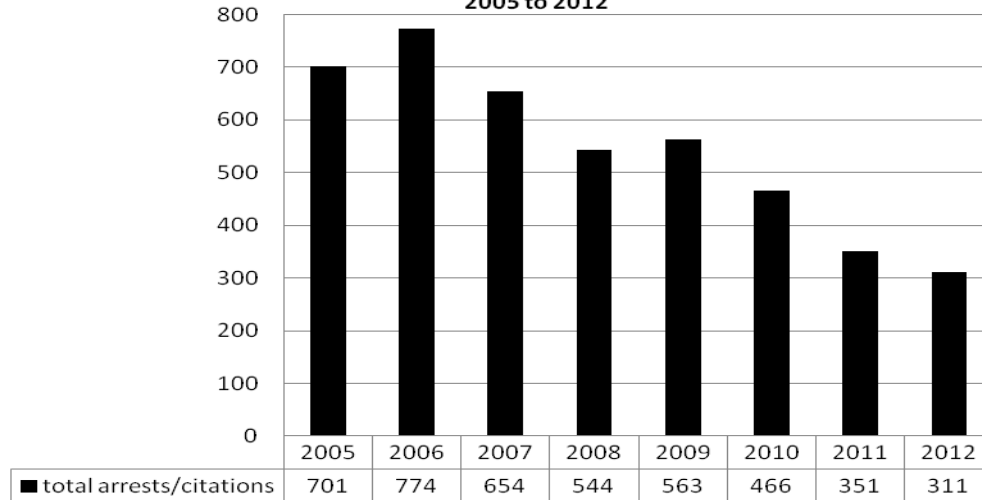
Agenda item	Notes/decisions	Follow up
Announcement	Contact SSCO to volunteer or for more info.	Next Safety committee meeting: Thursday, 2/28, at 6 p.m. at 1925 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis Police report – Sgt Rena Dudgeon, Officer Aimee Colegrove	<p>Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams, who was unable to attend the meeting, provided copies of a map and list of Part 1 crimes reported in the neighborhood during December. There were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 robberies of person: 12/3 at 10:15 p.m. at Franklin & 4th; 12/17 at 9:35 a.m. at 1915 Clinton Ave. ▪ 1 aggravated assault: 12/1 at 12:30 a.m. at 1933 Lyndale Ave, Rudolphs Bar-B-Que. ▪ 1 burglary of business: 12/13 overnight at 110 East 18th St, Abbott Apartments. ▪ 1 motor vehicle theft: between 12/8 and 12/22 at 1831 2nd Ave. ▪ 5 other incidents of theft. <p>SSCO made copies available of a list of 23 offenders who have been charged with felonies for selling drugs to night CRT undercover officers along Franklin Ave since August, 2011. So far, 16 have been convicted and sentenced.</p> <p>Rena Dudgeon said that she was excited to be working with the Stevens Square – Whittier beat patrol officers – who care about the people who live and work here and do a fantastic job – and with dedicated neighborhood residents and business owners who are involved in keeping their community safe. It's important for everyone to be part of the process of reducing crime in the area, which means keeping each other informed about what the problems are and what's being done to resolve them. Aimee Colegrove reported that things have quieted down on the streets in the past month or two due to the cold weather, with very little loitering happening right now and chronic offenders making infrequent appearances. In response to the armed robbery at the Third Avenue Market on 1/11, the beat officers have been stopping regularly at the business, building relationships with staff, and getting to know who belongs in that area.</p> <p>Below is SSCO's chart summarizing arrests and citations for certain livability offenses in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, over the past eight years. Alcohol-related arrests include consuming alcohol in public, open bottle, and possession of liquor in a park. Narcotics-related arrests include narcotics violation, loitering with intent to buy or sell narcotics, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Prostitution-related arrests include loitering with intent to commit or solicit prostitution and prostitution. Since 2005, the 5th Precinct has provided consistently strong enforcement for these offenses in the area. Compared to 2011, 2012 narcotics-related arrests were down 42% and prostitution-related arrests were down 70%, while alcohol-related arrests were up 12%. Compared to the years with the highest number of arrests, 2012 alcohol-related arrests were down 42% (from 2009), narcotics-related arrests were down 78% (from 2006), and prostitution-related arrests were down 97% (from 2005). From 2005 to 2012, there were a total of 2,517 arrests/citations for alcohol-related offenses, 1,575 for narcotics-related offenses, and 272 for prostitution-related offenses in the area.</p>	<p>Chelsea.Adams@Minneapolismn.gov 673-2819</p> <p>Crime Prevention Resources</p> <p>911 / 311 information</p> <p>CRT line (to report suspected drug and prostitution activity at specific addresses or locations): 673-5716</p> <p>Contact SSCO to receive the list of offenders charged with felonies for selling drugs to undercover officers in the neighborhood.</p>

alcohol, narcotics, prostitution arrests/citations 2005 to 2012



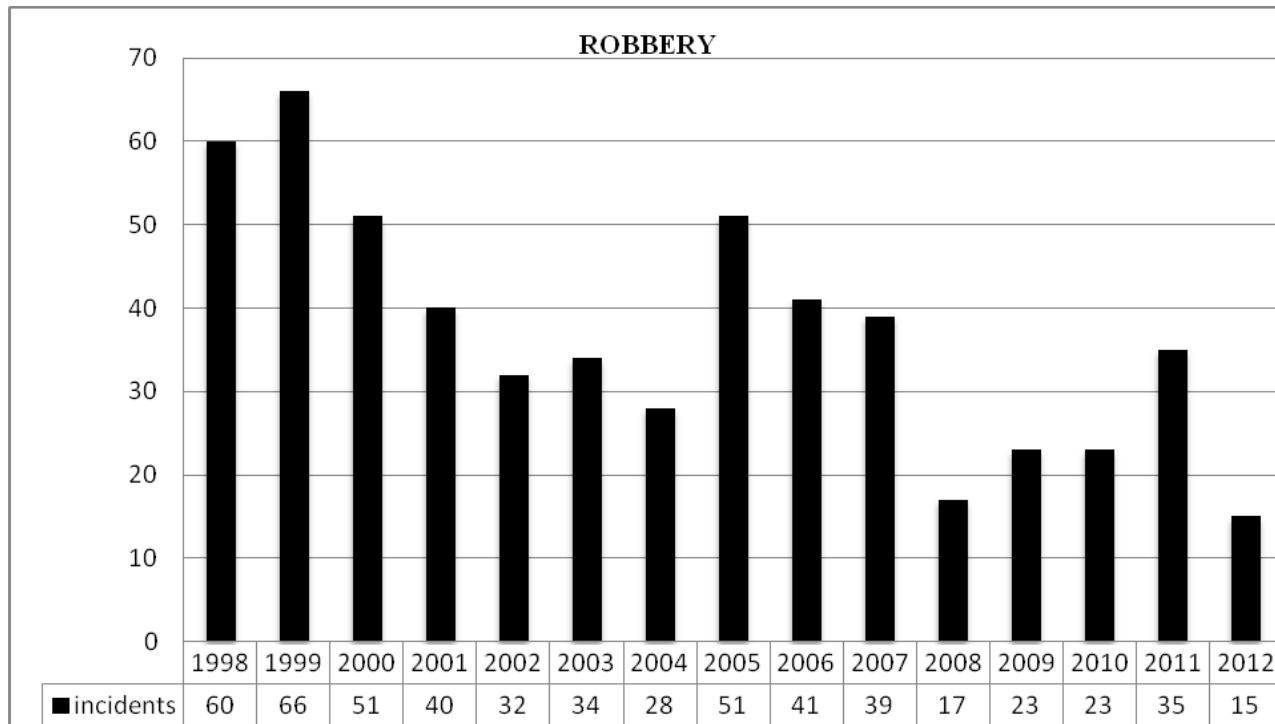
Taken together, arrests for these offenses declined 11% compared to 2011 and were down 60% compared to 2006. Below is a chart showing total arrests for these offenses, which have dropped for three consecutive years.

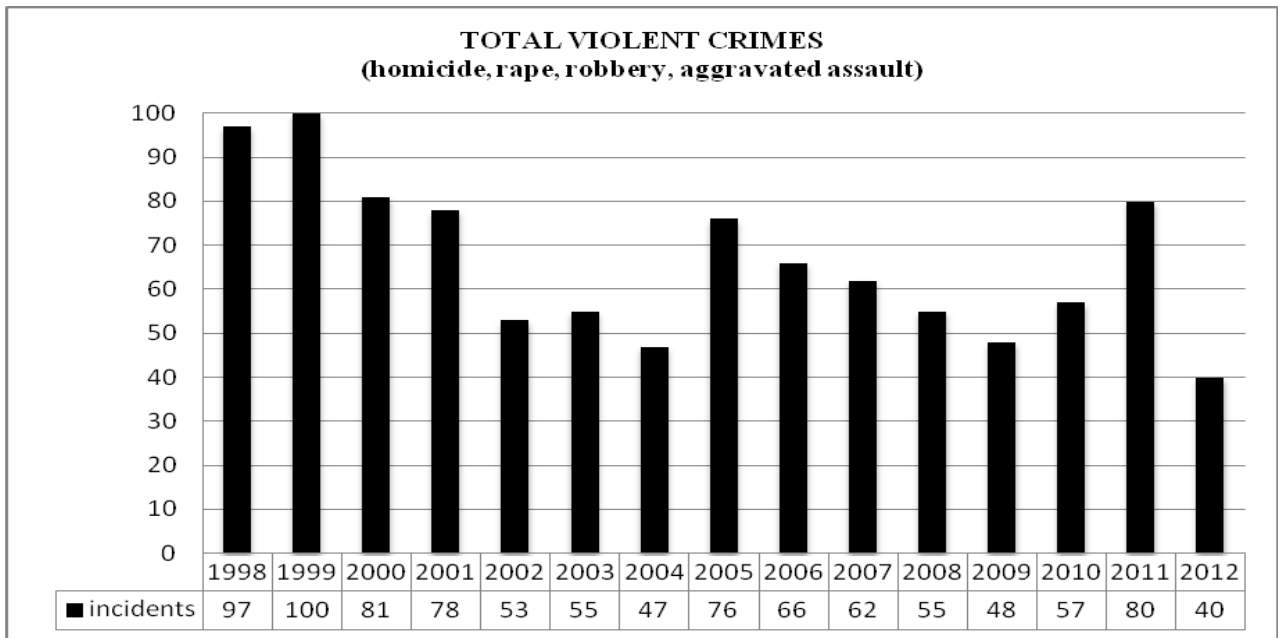
total alcohol, narcotics, prostitution arrests and citations, 2005 to 2012



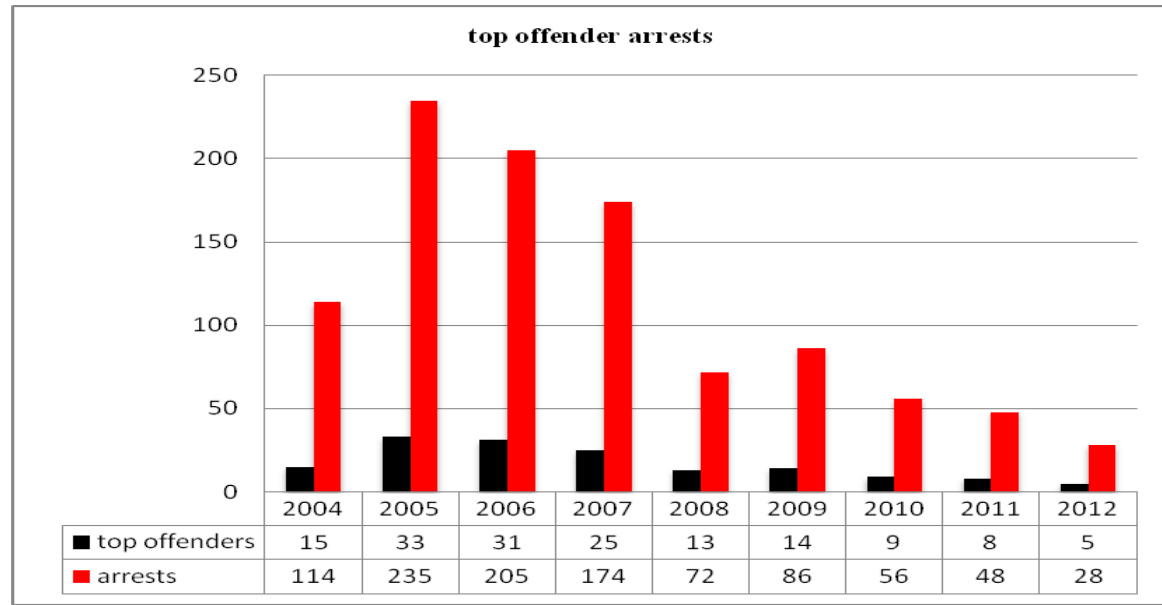
The unofficial 2012 Part 1 (serious) crime statistics for the neighborhood show a significant decrease in violent crime (-50%) compared to 2011. Robbery was down 57% and aggravated assault was down 50%. Robbery and total violent crime were at their lowest levels since CODEFOR tracking began in 1998. Burglary declined 32%, while motor vehicle theft increased 36%. Total Part 1 crime dropped 12%. (See the table and charts below.) The 5th Precinct attributes the positive trends to its successful collaboration with community members and organizations and its focus on "hot spots" in the neighborhood.

Part 1 crime	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	total
homicide	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6
rape	10	8	12	5	5	4	5	3	3	3	8	7	9	12	9	103
robbery	60	66	51	40	32	34	28	51	41	39	17	23	23	35	15	555
agg assault	26	26	18	32	16	17	14	21	21	20	30	17	25	32	16	331
burglary	60	55	47	46	44	29	45	46	54	57	52	35	37	52	35	694
theft / larceny	195	248	196	141	158	117	106	144	118	133	128	116	121	168	175	2,264
auto theft	39	39	45	47	44	46	45	43	27	38	29	22	26	25	34	549
total	391	442	369	312	299	247	243	309	265	290	264	221	241	325	284	4,502
total violent crime	97	100	81	78	53	55	47	76	66	62	55	48	57	80	40	995



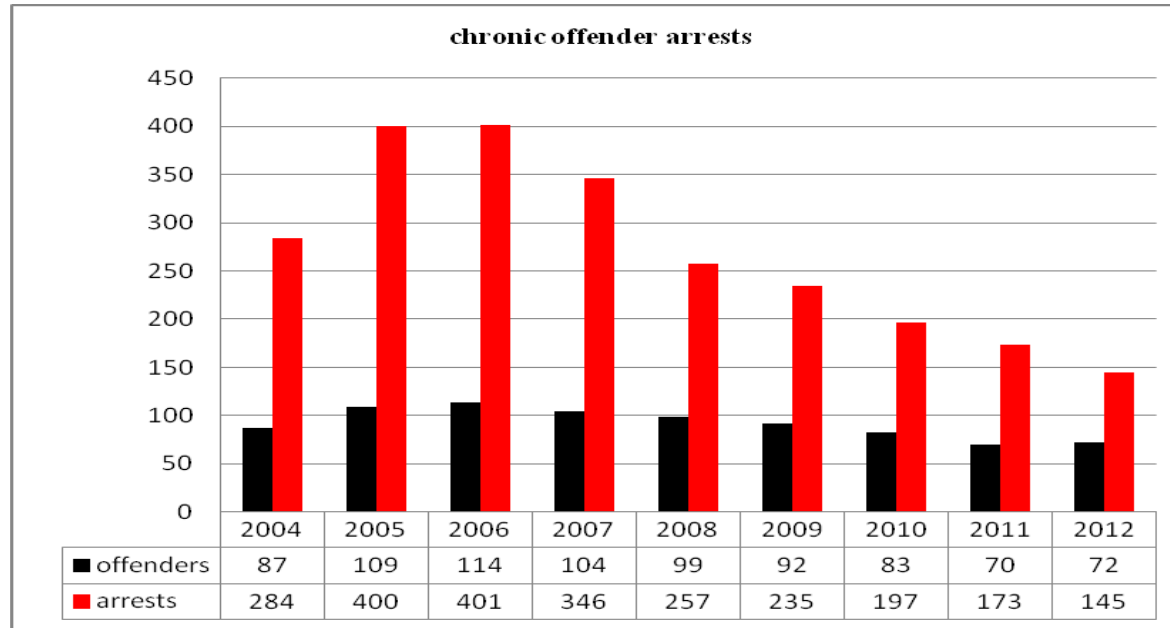


Since 2004, SSCO has tracked all arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, and identified top offenders – defined as those who have been arrested or cited in the area five or more times in a calendar year. Below is a chart with the number of top offenders per year and the total number of arrests they accounted for per year.



Top offenders in 2012 included [Randy McNellis](#) (7 arrests), [Harry Leftbear](#) (6), [Troy Fait](#) (5), [Reginald Shakespeare](#) (5), and [Jennifer Thompson](#) (5). In 2012, top offender arrests were down 41% compared to 2011 and down 88% compared to 2005. The number of arrests has dropped for the past three consecutive years.

Since 2004, in the same area SSCO has identified 225 chronic offenders – defined as those who have been arrested or cited in the area five or more times within two years – who have accounted for 2,438 arrests. Below is a chart with the number of chronic offenders arrested per year and the number of arrests per year.



In 2012, chronic offender arrests were down 16% compared to 2011 and down 64% compared to 2005 and 2006. The number of arrests has dropped for the past six consecutive years.

Jennifer Saunders said that a number of factors account for the significant decline in arrests of top offenders and chronic offenders in the area, including:

- 5th Precinct's strong and consistent enforcement at neighborhood hot spots;
- [City Attorney's focus](#) (through the community attorney initiative and the CLEAN list, for example) on prosecuting the precinct's chronic offenders which has resulted in longer sentences and more frequent geographic restrictions;
- [Community Probation's supervision](#) of chronic offenders;
- Hennepin County's innovative use of [specialty courts](#) (for issues involving drugs, domestic violence, veterans, mental health, etc.).

The more resources law enforcement and the courts can focus on dealing with chronic offenders, the better the outcomes are for the neighborhood.

From 2004 to 2012, 24 offenders have been arrested in the area more than 20 or more times, accounting for 669 arrests. 13 of these offenders were arrested at least once here in 2012: [Darryl Brooks](#) (44 arrests total), [Brandon Miller](#) (40), [Ronald King](#) (38), [Ethelyn Redeyes](#) (36), [Maurice Patterson](#) (30), [Robert Yellow Wolf](#) (30), [Randy McNellis](#) (28), [Walter Weyaus Sr](#) (27), [Nanette Haghi](#) (25), [Kenneth Brown](#) (24), [Pamela Cobenais](#) (20), [Ellery Charging Thunder](#) (20), and [Rick Martinez](#) (20).

Contact SSCO to receive printed or e-mailed copies of the Google maps, which are updated weekly. The e-mailed versions include links to mugshots of chronic offenders.

	<p>SSCO's Google maps and lists of arrests in the area from Lyndale Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to 24th St, from 12/17/12 to 1/21/13 showed 7 alcohol-related arrests (13 during this period a year ago), 4 narcotics-related arrests (4 during this period a year ago), and 1 prostitution-related arrest (2 during this period a year ago). In 2012, there were 229 alcohol-related arrests (204 in 2011), 79 narcotics-related arrests (137 in 2011), and 3 prostitution-related arrests (10 in 2011). For the period from 12/17/12 to 1/21/13, SSCO's Google maps showed 62 police reports for the Nicollet corridor (LaSalle Ave/Blaisdell Ave to 1st Ave, I-94 to 24th St), 7 for the Stevens Square Park area (Stevens Ave to 2nd Ave, 17th St to Franklin Ave), and 16 for the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave).</p>	
<p>Community Prosecutor report – Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Saunders</p>	<p>Jennifer Saunders distributed copies of the 5th Precinct CLEAN list and reported that seven offenders had recently been removed from the list (including Stevens Square offenders James Black, Joseph Conklin, Kathleen Croud, Maurice Giles, and Frederick Washington) and seven others added (including Stevens Square offenders Jules Chomilo, Troy Fait, Walter Weyaus Sr, and Emmet Wreh, although Wreh is primarily a 1st Precinct offender and may be taken off the 5th Precinct list soon). Saunders updated the committee on some of the offenders active in Stevens Square, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patrick Addy – five cases set for court variously on 1/29, 2/12, and 2/25. ▪ Charles Bailey – in custody for a review hearing on a 3rd degree burglary case on 1/24, restricted from the area by court order. ▪ Larry Harper – in custody for a felony drug sale case set for court on 1/24, with a motor vehicle theft case set for a parole violation hearing on 1/23. ▪ Frank Killsright – on 1/8, sentenced to 90 days, with credit for 90 days served, for a 5th degree assault case from 10/10/12; a consuming alcohol in public case is set for court on 1/28 but will probably be dismissed because it involved drinking mouthwash, not liquor. ▪ Harry Leftbear – serving two consecutive 90-days sentences, in the workhouse until 5/10. ▪ Randy McNellis – in the workhouse until 2/26 for a 5th degree assault case, then on probation until 1/4/14 for a consuming alcohol in public case. ▪ Maurice Patterson – being screened for Mental Health Court on 1/30, an open bottle case set for court on 2/14. ▪ Farid Suleiman – set for sentencing on 3/5 for a motor vehicle theft case in Elk River. <p>Former 5th Precinct CLEAN list offender Rick Martinez has been charged with 2nd degree murder and is in jail on \$1 million bail.</p> <p>SSCO submitted a community impact statement in regard to chronic offender Reginald Leachman on 1/16; copies were passed around.</p>	<p>Jennifer.Saunders@Minneapolismn.gov 673-5402</p>
<p>Priority concerns / hot spots / chronic offenders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics-related loitering and traffic in the Clinton sector (3rd Ave to 4th Ave, I-94 to Franklin Ave), especially at 19th & 3rd – There have been few reports of drug-related problems in the area. The Third Avenue Market was robbed at gunpoint on 1/11. <p>SSCO's monthly chronic offender update included cases involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kara-Ann Collins (6 prior convictions in Hennepin and Anoka Counties) – 10/5/11 5th degree felony drug possession at Franklin & 4th; 5/12/12 felony theft from person at Franklin & Clinton. ▪ Frank Killsright (11 arrests in the area in the past five years, 24 prior convictions in Hennepin County) – 1/3/13 consuming alcohol in public at 22nd & Nicollet. 	<p>Contact SSCO to receive a printed or e-mailed copy of the monthly chronic offender update, which features the outcome of court cases resulting from arrests in the area along with the names of the sentencing judges and mugshots of the offenders.</p>
<p>Block Patrol report – Ken Strobel</p>	<p>Ken Strobel reported that, from 12/21/12 to 1/24/13, 8 Block Patrol volunteers participated in 10 shifts, contributing a total of 36 hours. Strobel shared a story from the Block Patrol log.</p>	<p>Contact SSCO to join Block Patrol. Application and guidelines are at the SSCO web site.</p>

	<p>During 2012, 23 Block Patrol volunteers contributed a total of 838 hours. A core group of ten volunteers each contributed 24 or more hours. Block Patrol teams made thirty 911 calls during 2012, seven of which resulted in arrests. Over the past 13 years, 176 Block Patrol volunteers have contributed a total of 16,171 hours. During 2012, four new volunteers joined Block Patrol, four previous volunteers became inactive, and ten volunteers moved out of the neighborhood.</p> <p>Block Patrol teams will door-knock apartment buildings one night per week during February and March to recruit new volunteers and publicize SSCO events, meetings, and activities.</p>	
<p>Ward 6 report – City Council Member Robert Lilligren</p>	<p>Robert Lilligren praised law enforcement and community members for their good work in reducing crime in the neighborhood. He jokingly noted that the improvement has coincided with his term in office. Lilligren reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The City has been successful in resolving long-term housing violations at rental properties owned by Spiros Zorbalas, including three buildings in Stevens Square. Zorbalas has sold 38 properties with 762 rental units to a new owner (Steve Frenz, according to press reports). ▪ The Fire department will accept applications for new firefighters on 1/31, 2/1, and 2/2 to prepare for the retirement of many long-time firefighters in the coming years. ▪ Over the past year, the City has successfully used a new victim-centered approach to combat the sex trafficking of juveniles. The approach views juveniles involved in prostitution as victims and includes training hotel and motel owners and employees to identify and report sex trafficking, adding additional staff for police investigations, working with social service organizations to help the victims, and aggressively prosecuting the traffickers. National research shows that 96% of girls who are trafficked are runaways and that their average age of entry into prostitution is 14. ▪ The City Council is taking steps to support immigration reform by urging the State to allow all residents, regardless of their immigration status, to obtain driver's licenses and to qualify for in-state tuition at public universities and colleges. ▪ The City has produced a report examining the almost 3,000 collisions involving bikes and motor vehicles which occurred from 2000 to 2010. The study found that in these collisions, bicyclists were responsible for the crash 59% of the time and that motorists were responsible 64% of the time – a number of the collisions were the fault of both parties. Franklin & Nicollet was rated as one of the most dangerous intersections for crashes. The City is working on ways to prevent these kinds of collisions, which involved injury to bicyclists in 90% of the incidents. <p>In reference to the Zorbalas situation (above), there was a discussion about how the City could enforce its rental licensing ordinance without putting residents at risk, since the penalty for not complying is the revocation of an owner's rental license(s) which could lead to the displacement of tenants. The City is looking into ways to amend the ordinance to address these concerns. Jennifer Saunders said that violating the ordinance is a misdemeanor, but that enforcement by administrative citation is aimed at getting rental property owners to comply with the code and fix problems rather than at revoking licenses. It's sometimes difficult to get the District Court to take these issues seriously. Lilligren said that the City needs a more robust administrative law process, and that maybe a City Court would handle these issues – which have a big financial impact – better than the District Court. He said that the Zorbalas case successfully tested the City's authority in regard to rental property and inspections, but also created a dilemma in how to enforce its authority without putting vulnerable tenants at risk of losing their housing.</p>	<p>Robert.Lilligren@Minneapolismn.gov</p> <p>673-2206</p> <p>Ward 6 web site</p>
<p>Building Safety Improvement program – application for matching grant from 1900 Stevens Condo Association</p>	<p>Committee co-chairs and staff explained the purpose of the Building Safety Improvement program and reviewed the types of projects which are eligible. At its 1/15 meeting, the SSCO Board approved the changes to the program guidelines recommended by the committee at its 12/20/12 meeting.</p> <p>SSCO received an application from 1900 Stevens Condo Association for a matching grant from the program for the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras. The project includes two cameras at the building entrances (front and rear) and two cameras in the basement common areas, with a total cost of \$555. An earlier application from this condo association was withdrawn at the committee's 11/29/12 meeting after questions arose about the definition of certain terms (such as "security system" and "upgrades of existing hardware") in the guidelines. These questions were addressed in the amended program guidelines.</p>	

	<p>Staff distributed to the committee copies of the amended program guidelines, the condo association's application and description of the project, and quotes from two vendors. Staff also distributed a recommendation from SSCO's executive director stating that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the two cameras at the front and rear entrance to the building are eligible under the guidelines, and2) the committee should consider whether to fund the two cameras in the basement common areas: the guidelines do not specifically state that interior cameras are eligible, but other interior improvements – such as lighting, strike plates, and dead bolt locks – are authorized expenses. <p>There was a discussion and questions about the project and the recommendations. 5th Precinct staff conducted a security audit of the property in November. There had been a burglary in the basement common areas which explained the move to improve security there. The committee decided to fund all four cameras. There is \$7,900 available in the program for matching grants.</p> <p>On a motion by Eddie Chambers, seconded by Rob Helmerich, the committee approved a matching grant of up to \$275 from the Building Safety Improvement program for the surveillance camera project at 1900 Stevens Ave.</p> <p>Staff will notify the 1900 Stevens Condo Association of the committee's decision. Projects are funded on a reimbursement basis. Upon completion of the work, the applicant must submit a copy of the paid invoice to SSCO, explaining the approved project, the work completed, and the amount requested. The invoice must include a copy of the paid receipts for materials and installation. SSCO will then, upon confirming that the work has been completed as approved, reimburse the condo association. Reimbursement receipts or a project update must be submitted within six months of committee approval or else the grant will be forfeited.</p>	
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Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Dave Delvoye.