

# FY 2007 Weed & Seed Communities Proposed Northeast Weed and Seed

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Strategy: Coordinate and weed out violent offenders through the identification, arrest, prosecution, conviction and incarceration of violent offenders and drug traffickers.**

<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Reduce the shootings/shots fired in the designated area</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Strengthen law enforcement efforts to apprehend, prosecute, violent offenders with weapons and suppress violent criminal activity.</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</p> <p>1.) OPD will continue to improve the current gun tracking system. OPD-Northeast Precinct will be provided with current tracking information of guns removed from the Weed &amp; Seed designated area on a quarterly basis. This information will help in locating the possible source and parties involved.</p> <p>2.) Weed &amp; Seed Steering Committee will conduct citizen survey every six months. Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator, Crime Prevention Specialist, University of Nebraska at Omaha faculty, resident volunteers and police officers will work to collect, evaluate and administer Weed &amp; Seed surveys seeking citizens input on crime and law enforcement activity.</p> <p>3.) Increase Law Enforcement Operations: 6 Specialized Gang targeted enforcement operations conducted by Omaha Police Department (OPD) Gang Unit; 6 Night Light (Knock and Talk) Operations and/or Cease Fire Operations that will be conducted in hot spots with heavy gunfire. These operations will be conducted by Law Enforcement, Probation, and Parole coordinated under Project Safe Neighborhoods.</p> <p>Omaha Police Department- Northeast Precinct will increase the amount of enforcement operations in the target area and work in cooperation with the City, State, County and Federal agencies, etc to identify/ arrest/ prosecute parties involved in criminal activity. These operations will reduce the amount of gang/ drug activity in the area and is an addition to the 12 existing Project Safe Neighborhoods Operations that are conducted by the US Attorney's Office.</p> <p>Omaha Police Department – Crime Analysis Unit will provide Northeast Precinct with crime data reflecting the most affected day, time and location of criminal activity/gun violence in the Weed &amp; Seed designated area. Northeast Command Officers will provide police presence during those times.</p>

	<p>4.) OPD and residents will develop anonymous crime reporting system to encourage citizens to forward information regarding criminal activity in their neighborhoods to OPD.</p> <p>OPD-Northeast Precinct will review current departmental guidelines involving anonymous shots-fired calls, prioritization, and 911 dispatcher responsibilities. Results from the review will be presented to the police administration with recommendation for change. Approval and implementation will be the responsibility of the police administration.</p> <p>Citizens will tour and coordinate activities with the 911 Communications Call Center. 911 dispatchers will inform the Steering Committee and residents regarding the protocols on how radio calls are prioritized and what citizens must be aware of to ensure the police are dispatched.</p> <p>5.) Increase Neighborhood Citizen Patrols and Neighborhood Watch Groups.</p> <p>6.) Steering Committee assesses progress of the Strategy annually.</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>There will be a 5% increase of guns removed from the Weed &amp; Seed area after Northeast Omaha Police Precinct Command Officers have received gun tracking information on a quarterly basis in 12 months.</p> <p>In 12 months there will be a 3% increase of shots-fired called and observed criminal activity reported to 911, showing an increased level of trust between residents and police.</p> <p>Currently there is one active Neighborhood Citizen Patrol, at the end of year one, a projected increase of two new Neighborhood Citizen Patrols and/or Neighborhood Watch Groups.</p>
<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Reduce gang violence /drug activity in Weed &amp; Seed designated area</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Eliminate gang and drug activity and improve quality of life issues.</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Increase enforcement operations  6 Specialized Gang targeted enforcement operations conducted by Omaha Police Department (OPD) Gang Unit; 6 Night Light (Knock and Talk) Operations and/or Cease Fire Operations that will be conducted in hot spots with heavy gunfire. These operations will be conducted by Law Enforcement, Probation, and Parole coordinated under Project Safe Neighborhoods.</p> <p>2.) Train officers on street culture and the professional code of ethics.  Officers will receive training from gang specialists to understand the nature of gang life. Police will work with courts and federal law enforcement agencies to publicize names of convicted gang members convicted of illegal activity.</p>

	<p>3.) Increase police intervention on trespassers. Police (including the Gang Unit) will work with the community on identifying trespassers/ gang members. The Gang Unit will be located at the Northeast Precinct and will develop an intervention process of identifying trespassers/ gangs in the area that can be followed up with prosecution.</p> <p>4.) Assign officers to work the Weed &amp; Seed area with community policing philosophies consistent to the Weed &amp; Seed Implementation Manual.</p> <p>5.) Pilot Truancy Abatement Omaha Public School (OPS) and Omaha Police Department (OPD) Truancy Abatement Program is designed to address the need of at risk students who are having issues with school environment, peers, and criminal activities which lead to absenteeism, low grades, behavior problems, and subsequent arrest.</p> <p>6.) Assist the Nebraska Serious and Violent Offenders Reentry Initiative (SVORI) with the implementation of the program. Offenders who meet the program criteria receive wrap around services, which include but not limited to social services, health assistance, housing, employment, and mentoring. Omaha police officers will provide mentoring and surveillance of offenders as contracted by the correctional services. Offenders who meet the program criteria receive wrap around services, which include but are not limited to social services, health assistance, housing, employment, and mentoring. Omaha police officers will provide mentoring and surveillance of offenders as contracted by the correctional services.</p>
<p><b>Outcome Measures</b></p>	<p>The law enforcement operations conducted in the first 12 months in the Weed &amp; Seed target area will create a 5 % reduction of gang and drug activity and a 10% reduction within 24 months.</p> <p>Training of officers on the culture of gangs shall be completed in 2 years.</p> <p>There will be a 5% increase in closed property registrations for business/ private owners in the Weed &amp; Seed area in 12 months and a 10% increase within 24 months reflecting the positive communication and impact that the Omaha Police Dept. Gang Unit has on the community business owners</p> <p>Within 12 months, there will be a 5% increase of ban and bar registrations by the Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) reflecting OHA's commitment to reduce criminal and gang activity on their properties.</p>

## COMMUNITY POLICING

Strategy: Raise the level of citizen and community involvement in crime prevention and intervention activities.

<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Improve the community's involvement in crime prevention</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Develop an awareness among residents of their responsibility in developing and promoting a crime-free environment</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) OPD and residents will establish ways for citizens to anonymously report crimes The NE Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator and Omaha Police Department will work with existing OPD Units, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to publicize ways to report calls anonymously via Crime Stoppers, NAACP hotline, the internet or other means of communication.</p> <p>2.) Citizens will be encouraged to document and forward information on criminal activity to OPD The Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator will work with the OPD's Northeast Precinct's Crime Prevention Specialist to develop two Citizen Education Training Academies. These Academies will focus on reporting crimes, suspicious activity and other areas of interest reported by citizens within the designated site area.</p> <p>3.) Increase Neighborhood Citizen Patrols and Neighborhood Watch Groups The Omaha Police Department – Northeast Precinct will have directed patrols and operations within the designated Weed &amp; Seed site location.</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>The Citizen Education Training Academy will be held one per year.</p> <p>Increase crime reported anonymously by 15% within two years.</p> <p>Increase directed policing patrols by 20% within the first 6 months of implementation.</p>
<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Improve the community's involvement in the reporting and intervention of violent crime</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Reduce and eliminate crime in the designated area by making citizens accountable and increasing their willingness to become involved in identifying and testifying against suspected criminals.</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Encourage the use of existing hotlines: Crimestoppers, Gang Hotline, Mayor's Hotline, NAACP Hotline The NE Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator and Omaha Police Department will work with existing OPD Units, governmental agencies and non-profit organizations to publicize availability of existing hotlines.</p>

	<p>2.) Develop Citizen Patrols and Neighborhood Watch Groups in the Weed &amp; Seed area  The Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator, OPD Northeast Crime Prevention Specialist, Neighborhood Association and/or citizen's will work with the Omaha Coalition of Citizen's Patrols and OPD's Community Resource Center to develop viable Patrol Groups and Neighborhood Watch Groups within the designated Weed &amp; Seed target area.</p> <p>3.) Employ workshops/training sessions for citizens to learn how to intervene  The Weed &amp; Seed Coordinator will work with the OPD Northeast Precinct's Crime Prevention Specialist to develop two Citizen Education Training Academies. The Academies will focus on citizen crime intervention methods and safety plans.</p> <p>4.) Encourage officers of color to transfer to the Weed &amp; Seed targeted area  A joint meeting between the Weed &amp; Seed Steering Committee, Omaha Police Department's Chief of Police, Police Union, and the Mayor outlining the need for minority officers in areas underrepresented by minorities and discussing ways in which this can be implemented.</p> <p>5.) Encourage police/citizen interaction through non-traditional law enforcement activities  The development of two police-community relation events for all ages annually.</p>
<p><b>Outcome Measures</b></p>	<p>Publication of existing hotlines will be marked heavily within the targeted area during the first two years of implementation. Using public services announcement, community events, faith based organizations, and school newsletters.</p> <p>There will be a 15% increase on 911 calls within the targeted area.</p> <p>Citizen Patrols will increase by 2 patrols during the first two years on implementation.</p> <p>Neighborhood Watch Groups will increase by 10% the first year and by 5% the second year.</p> <p>Meeting with the various City Officials concerning the place of minority officers in the Weed &amp; Seed area throughout the Weed &amp; Seed Strategy. .</p> <p>The development of two police-community relation events for citizens of all ages annually. Planning for the biannual events and meeting with the OPD Command Staff will occur within the first six months of the grant.</p>

## Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

**Strategy: Develop and coordinate partnerships between community agencies and residents to improve the overall quality of services to promote good health for residents in the designated area.**

<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Provide positive options for families that promote wholesome behavior and well being.</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Partner with Safe Havens within the target area.</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Provide classes in gang prevention, anger management, and self-esteem training</p> <p>Identify one Safe Haven within established partnerships to meet SVORI objectives for families experiencing ex-offender re entry within the Weed &amp; Seed target area.</p> <p>2.) Co-sponsor workshops with Dept. of Corrections', SVORI project regarding employment and housing opportunities. The Northeast Weed &amp; Seed Strategy will assist with Community-Based Transition and Responsibility and Productivity programs components in the target area. Program assistance will be available for mentoring, tutoring, transportation to vocational training to a job.</p> <p>3.) Coordinate anti-gang youth outreach programs/Safe Havens with target area youth and youth residing in public housing.</p> <p>Implementation of these programs will be a collaborative effort by Police, Probation/Parole officers, school officials and community members. Youth programming will significantly impact reduction of youth gang involvement.</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>A series of classes will be conducted on gang prevention, anger management, and self esteem two times during the first two years of implementation.</p> <p>Co-sponsor two workshops (1 per year during the first twenty-four months) with Dept. of Corrections', SVORI project regarding employment and housing opportunities.</p> <p>Contract with one agency servicing target area with a gang prevention program.</p>

<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Provide residents with information on available resources.</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Eliminate and/or address risk factors that promote crime and violence</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Educate residents on available community resources for alcohol, drug, and domestic violence counseling Agency representatives will present at Steering Committee meetings.</p> <p>2.) Develop working relationships with nonprofit or social service agencies that provide low to no-cost counseling for domestic violence, anger management, and financial/credit management Utilize MOA partners to provide services to area residents to include participants in the SVORI project.</p> <p>3.) Explore ways to develop a better working relationship between parents and schools in the area. Partner with the Truancy Abatement program to provide education and resource materials to parents of school age children within the target area.</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>A minimum of six agencies per year will make a presentation regarding services.</p> <p>An agreement with two MOA partners to provide the low to no coast counseling services.</p> <p>Omaha North High will see a decrease in the number of truant students by 3% the first year and an additional 3% by the end of year two.</p>

## Neighborhood Restoration

Strategy: Revitalize distressed neighborhoods and improve the quality of life.

<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Improve living conditions and the quality of life in the designated area</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Improve living conditions by educating residents regarding tenant rights and property ownership.</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Make both landlords and homeowners accountable for their property          Conduct tenant/home owner rights and responsibility forums by providing residents with landlord tenant/home owner laws, recourse actions available, and City code violations.</p> <p>Identify resources that residents can access for low-cost improvements.</p> <p>Use the media and other available community resources to educate residents on how to improve the quality of life in the designated area</p> <p>2.) Give residents a forum to find solutions to living conditions and quality of life concerns.          Partner with the Northeast Precinct Advisory Council to provide residents an avenue to voice their concerns and brainstorm on solutions to reduce crime and improve safety in the area neighborhoods.</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>A minimum of two tenant/home owner rights and responsibility forums will be conducted within the first two years of strategy implementation.</p> <p>The number of code violations of area property will decrease in the first two years.</p> <p>Reduction in properties requiring home improvement within the first two years.</p>

<b>Goal 2</b>	<b>Improve Neighborhood Security.</b>
<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Eliminate crime and the potential for criminal activity by improving home security in the Weed &amp; Seed area</b>
<b>Task/Project Implementation</b>	<p><b>YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO</b></p> <p>1.) Increase and maintain street lighting in the area. A “Light It Up” will provide residents with a partnership with the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), to install “Dusk to Dawn Yard Lights” for the area surrounding their property.</p> <p>2.) Increase home security through encouraging homeowners and landlords to make necessary home repairs</p> <p>The Community Resource Center Crime Prevention Specialist will organize “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED) training workshops</p>
<b>Outcome Measures</b>	<p>The “Light It Up” project will serve 116 homes for two years at a cost of \$5per month. The resident will agree to encumber half the cost for two years.</p> <p>The Crime Prevention will organize one CPTED training workshop per year for the first two years on implementation to improve neighborhood security.</p>