

St. Philip's Initiative Summary
August 1 -April 1, 20002

Goal 1: Link the MPD with the faith community to reduce crime and improve livability by supporting the work of the MPD, block clubs and neighborhood association:

Objective 1 Organize parishioners with the faith community to reduce crime and improve livability by supporting the work of the MPD, block clubs and the neighborhood association:

Monthly meeting of problem solvers whose members are parishioners and residents. This group has 25-30 active members

Addresses that received Conduct on Premise Notices and the nuisance was abated.

- 35 Rental addresses had the nuisance abated
- 4 homestead properties had nuisance abated

Business Action:

- Citgo is working with the problem solvers to address the concerns of loitering and other behavior at their business and has offered to help with clean and green program

Objective 2: Work with faith community to write and provide community impact statements.

- 9 impact statement have been written

Objective 3: Develop partnerships between faith community, neighborhood association and the MPD to sponsor community events:

- March 7th Hawthorne Huddle was cosponsored with General Mills Foundation with 150 people attending. The purpose of this forum was to present a case study to the judges on repeat offenders and ask that a task force be developed that would work with judges and the county attorney on solutions to the issue of repeat offenders. The study presented data on repeat offenders and what happened to them in the court system as well as the collateral effects on the community and the offender's families. Several African-American and Native American people of the community presented to Judge Howard and stated that to not hold people of color accountable was racism and said that it made them feel less than.
- 4 community events sponsored

Objective 4 and 5: Serve as a liaison between the Hawthorne/Jordan and Ministerial Alliance and the MPD to support MPD activities and represent the

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faith community with other agencies and submit proposals for grants.

- The churches involved in Hawthorne has expanded to include Redeemer Lutheran in Harrison, Salvation Army, Woodale Evangelical in Eden Prairie and North United Methodist in Camden. They are working on two project with St Philip's one is being on the task force on repeat offenders and the other is providing parishioners as volunteers for tutoring at Nellie Stone Johnson School.
- Grants were submitted and five received for after school programming
- Will be doing adult forums for two suburban churches who want to become involved with St Philip's

Objective 6: Work with neighborhood housing committee and Inspections and the SAFE Unit to reduce problem properties by working with rental property owners

- Collaborating with three SAFE districts to hold an RPO workshop in May
- Working with Urban Homeworks which buys rental properties and places a mentor in one unit and a low-income family(s) in the others.

Goal 2: Work to reduce violence by work with challenged families

Objective 1: Link MPD and faith community to address challenged families by linking with various government and non-profit agencies

- Worked with 15 families

Objectives 2 and 3: Link youth service providers to share information and involve youth of the neighborhood with MPD and other community service projects:

- We have 30 people from various churches, government and non-profits who give a total of 45 hours a month to mentor 5th grade students in math.
- Starting a peer teen pregnancy program with Pilot City with funding provided by a grant that St Philip's received from the United Way.
- Completed a Police Youth Academy with 22 youth graduating

Goal 3: Build neighborhood capacity:

Objective 1: Provide training and education opportunities to build and maintain community leaders to address neighborhood concerns and support the interaction between the faith community, neighborhood and the MPD and other agencies:

- Working the Social Justice Committee of St Philip's, Faith Tabernacle Church,

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Anti-racism Task Force at Edina Community Lutheran, Salvation Army, Racial Disparity Initiative and General Mills to work with Judge Burke to address the issue of repeat offenders. Judge Burke has meet with this group once to identify the concerns and form a task force to implement action steps. There are 8 church involved as well as the Racial Disparity Initiative and General Mills and the AP from Nellie Stone Johnson School. The next meeting with Judge Burke is to develop a work plan is April 26th.

- St Philip's Church along with the Hawthorne Community Council is working with the Racial Disparity Initiative to host a meeting with other north Minneapolis neighborhoods to identify the concerns regarding repeat offenders returning from ACF to the community. This meeting with be help April 25th at North United Methodist Church in Camden.