Grocery Store Task Force

- Regulatory Services
- Police Department
- City Attorneys Office
- Fire Department
- City Council Staff

- -Hennepin County Attorneys Office
- •Federal FDA
- Minnesota Dept. of Ag

Task Force Mission:

Reduce negative activity near convenience grocery stores through:

- Analysis
- Education
- Community engagement
- Team Work
- Early Intervention

- Thorough Inspections
- Documentation
- Enforcement
- Prosecution
- Process improvements

2006 Accomplishments

- Three grocery store licenses were revoked
 - Big Stop
 - Uncle Bills
 - Wafana's 4 You Food Market
- Five grocery store licenses were administratively closed.
 - Gas Stop
 - Super Ace
 - Park Grocery
 - Joe's Grocery
 - Sam's Market
- Several grocery stores are operating under conditional licenses.
 - E & L Market
 - Star Market
 - More Value Foods
 - More Value II
 - Cup Foods
 - Gas Stop

Pantry Food Market

Skyline Market

Market Express

Cedar Food and Gas

Quality Foods

Big Stop, 1800 26th Ave. No.



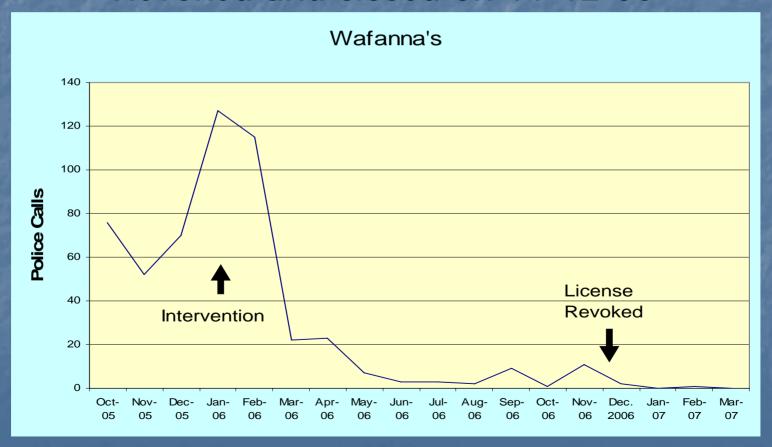
Big Stop, 1800 26th Ave. No. Police calls for service Revoked and Closed on 4-4-06



Wafanna's (4 You Food Market) 2326 Lyndale Ave. No.



4 You Food Market 2326 Lyndale Ave. No. Police calls for service Revoked and closed on 11-12-06



Uncle Bills Market, 2428 Plymouth Ave.



Uncle Bills Market, 2428 Plymouth Ave. Police Calls for Service Referred to ALJ on March 22, 2006



Super Ace, 3358 Penn No.



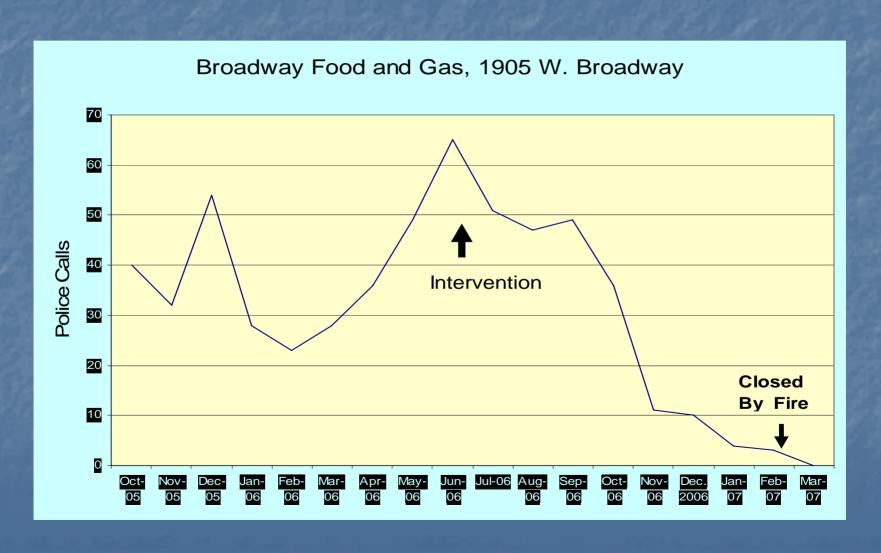
Super Ace, 3358 Penn No. Police calls for Service Closed on July 21, 2006



Broadway Food and Deli 1905 West Broadway



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What have we learned?



Recommendations

- Business owner must be actively managing the business.
- Mandate adequate staffing levels.
- Premises must be clean and well lit, inside and out.
- Business shall not sell items that enhance the street level drug industry.
- Require security cameras inside and outside.
- Hours of operation must be within guidelines
- Violation enforcement is comprehensive and progressive.
- Replace the ALJ (Administrative law Judge) process with a hearing officer process.
- Provide posting in the business that problems with this business can be reported by calling 311.
- Increase community engagement with block clubs and neighborhood groups.
- Post Grocery Store Task Force activities on the Web site.
- Amend the Code of Ordinances to enhance enforcement.

Ordinance recommendations

- **1.** Amend 259.15
 - Fees and fines must be paid in order to maintain license.
- **2** Amend 188.185
 - Create applicant qualification standards.
- **3** Amend 203.20
 - Mandate that staple foods be stocked and available.
- **4.** Amend 259.125
 - Separate maintenance requirements.
- **5.** Amend 259.135
 - License Conditions to be posted.