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Making Uptown Safer

Tools to Help You

CAPS Meetings within your Beat

To find out the time, date, and location of a beat meeting in your neighborhood, call 311.

If you live north of Lawrence, you are in the 20th Police District. If you live south of Lawrence, you are in the 23rd Police District.

Making CAPS Effective

CAPS is most effective when attendees:

- Identify & prioritize the problem. It should be a chronic problem that will not go away on its own and one with resources available to the community.
- Analyze the problem by identifying characteristics of the victims, perpetrators, and the exact address of this chronic problem.
- Design strategies that go beyond calling 911. Strategies are better if they involve multiple parties to help (schools, businesses, agencies, neighborhood organizations, & elected officials).
- Implement the strategy by identifying who will do what and when.
- Evaluate and revise the plan as needed.

Use of CLEARpath Website

The Chicago Police Department's CLEARpath website allows you to report a concern affecting your neighborhood. When you register to become a CLEARpath user, you can access online services and receive alert messages via email, phone, or text messages. You can also offer a compliment or make a complaint about a police officer. Google "Chicago Police CLEARpath" and you'll be led to the website.

Gang & Drug House Ordinance

Used for buildings that have had many arrests at their premises. This ordinance has proven to be very successful for building owners who have been resistant to working with the community.

If you believe a building qualifies, bring up your concern at your local CAPS meeting. To learn where and when your CAPS meeting is, call 312-744-0064.

311 Calls

Call this number for situations not requiring immediate attention. Be sure to get a Case #. Some problems take longer to address. If the problem is not addressed in a timely manner, bring up the problem at CAPS. Have the Case # on hand to give to the police.

911 Calls

Call this number for situations when an emergency vehicle needs to come out in a very short time frame. If you are not sure whether or not to call 911, call 911.

Effective 911 Calls

- Public phones sometimes get a faster response than from a cell phone.
- Provide an address number & street. Do not count on responders to have memorized the name of a park.
- If there is an offender, describe with gender, race, and then a clothing description that starts from the top going down.
- If the 911 operator appears uninterested, ask to either speak with a supervisor or hang up and call 911 again.
- Consider setting up a phone or text message tree with your neighbors or block club members.

Chronic Situations

Drug dealing is more likely to occur where there is lots of disorder in the neighborhood. Address the chronic disorder, and drug dealers go elsewhere.

Graffiti

Call 311 and request to file a report for Graffiti Blasters. Give the address, what kind of surface, whether or not it's above or below 6 feet, and if it's located on a school or house of worship.

Sleeping Outside

Call 911 and ask for a "Well-being Check". If the problem is chronic, call 311 and ask for the Dept. of Human Services. Please rely on trained professionals to assist the homeless. The goal is to get help that is more lasting rather than a quick fix, which often ends up enabling some to stay stuck in the cycle of homelessness.

Public Drinking/Urination/Aggressive Panhandling

Call 911 as outlined above. Do not give money.

Abandoned Cars/Bicycles

Call 311 as outlined above.