



Why Cities need Neighborhood Safety Experts!

Neighborhood Safety Experts work with and empower neighbors. They offer solutions to PREVENT juvenile bad behavior, crime, gangs, sex and drug trafficking and violence. *NSE's* bring neighbors together for social change. (Every neighborhood has undiscovered leaders who want children to stay safe.)

Neighborhood involvement is the key! *Safety Experts* bring neighbors together to take responsibility for neighborhood safety. When neighbors have support, they build trust with each other. *NSE* offers education; encouragement, ideas and helps neighbors get connected. To make neighborhoods safe, neighbors go door to door to discover concerns. (Booklets available, "My First Steps to a Safe Neighborhood" & "Adopt-A-Block Guide." Cities can add their logos.) Neighbors follow easy steps to bring people together. They might choose a coffee meeting, a cleanup day, helping seniors, a Block Party, social event, activities for youth, etc. When neighbors have challenging problems such as drug dealers or prostitutes, neighbors can; take pictures, write down descriptions, license numbers, times and dates. *NSE* are the go between for citizens/police. They can turn over concrete information to police to make arrests. When illegal activities are NOT tolerated, problems disappear. City leaders can launch a campaign to get the whole community involved. (Generally, half of all crime problems are neighborhood kids.) The best protection and prevention against crime; INVOLVED NEIGHBORS!

A Local Training Center for *Neighborhood Safety Experts* can train existing community activists to work with city leaders to bring the community together. *NSE* can be trained by a variety of community organizations on running meetings, handle anger and help solve problems. *NSE* work with police but NOT for the police department! (National stat: 2.6 police for every 1000 citizens.)

Support of neighbors creates a healthy balance between neighbors and police. When neighbors work together, they decide what will and will NOT be tolerated in their neighborhood. Cities will save money, families receive vital support and everyone will live in safer, healthier cities.

BENEFITS: *Neighborhood Safety Experts* should look like and speak the language of the community to build trust and empower neighbors!

- When neighbors know and trust each other they take charge of the kids on the block and put a check and balance on negative juvenile behavior.
- Relationships can be strengthened between racially diverse neighbors.
- Neighbors can grow a community garden to educate and improve health.
- *NSE* can promote senior support for youth. Seniors can get involved to coach sports, teach, babysit or help with homework.

- Involvement reduces social isolation that can lead to gangs, drug dealers, violence and homelessness.
- Neighbors can stop juvenile bullying at an early age.
- Communication makes neighbors less vulnerable when they learn about a burglary or a drug dealer and work together.
- Strong family and neighborhood support helps prevent drug abuse and homelessness. Connected youth are less likely to become drug abusers, school shooters or become violent.
- Crime and shootings create distrust, anxiety, and anger, which often lead to social isolation and people experiencing mental and physical health issues.
- A safe neighborhood becomes a healthy place to live where everyone benefits.
- When people know and trust a *Neighborhood Safety Expert*, they share information they would NOT tell police such as...identity of drug dealers, child abuser, neglect of kids, hiding place for guns or other illegal activities.
- Neighbors can work with newly released inmates to help them assimilate into the neighborhood, thus reducing fear of the unknown.
- Involved neighbors can reduce the high cost of juvenile delinquency, graffiti, arson, smash and grab juveniles, homelessness, etc. (Estimated cost of Child Abuse and Neglect: \$220 million EVERY DAY – Source: CDC)
- Involved neighbors have the power to reduce the need for additional police.
- Citizens will feel safer and less likely to buy guns for protection.
- When police departments have neighborhood leaders, police can send out criminal descriptions to leaders who can contact all neighbors. Swift communication can catch criminals quicker.
- Nextdoor.com gives residents a digital network to share information about all neighborhood activities including criminal activities.
- Neighborhood involvement creates new leaders at the grassroots who can evolve into new leadership on boards, committees and in politics.
- When we strengthen families and neighborhoods, we are empowering citizens to become more self-reliant thus moving away from socialism and governmental control over their lives.
- Support and education helps citizens strengthen American democracy as they become involved and responsible for family safety.

City leaders can broaden the discussion beyond laws, guns and police for safer cities! *NSE* has proven to be successful!

Community Leaders: Safe Kids Now can help leaders see the importance of training centers for Neighborhood Safety Experts and how they can help end violence, anger toward police and create peaceful cities. Guideline can be provided on NSE training and how surveys, booklets and community education can create positive change.

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