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Saint Paul Safe City Initiative



What is Safe City?

A public/private partnership between the City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) and area businesses to build trust, share information and leverage technology to deter and reduce crime in Saint Paul. Safe City has been successful in Minneapolis and other major metro areas including Boston, Fresno, Cincinnati and Flint Township (MI).

Why now in Saint Paul?

- Safe City allows the City of Saint Paul, SPPD and area business leaders to leverage resources.
- In addition to the 2008 Republican National Convention, Saint Paul regularly hosts concerts, pro sports and other large events.



What will the Saint Paul Safe City Initiative look like?

- Formal Safe City Collaborative.
- Phased approach:
 - Phase 1: Central Corridor (complete in Feb. 08)
 - Phase 2: Downtown, Port of St. Paul and Lambert's Landing
- Digital CCTV system of cameras along University Ave., downtown and at the Port of Saint Paul.
- Integration of video, Internet and other technology to provide real-time intelligence sharing.
- Web-based alert network for Saint Paul businesses.



- Enhanced radio communications with private/corporate security, Metro Transit Police and the SPPD.
- CCTV monitored by SPPD, private/corporate security and Metro Transit Police.
- Coordinated training and staffing.
- Future expansion of Saint Paul Safe City expected.



Safe City Tools



E-groups:
Messaging networks connecting businesses and police.



Photo Sharing:
Distribution of photos showing individuals who have committed illegal or unsafe acts.



Information Sharing:
Ongoing sharing of written documentation, e-mail information and regular meetings.



Security Cameras:
A network of strategically placed security cameras allow police to monitor high-traffic areas and prioritize their response.



Police Resources Allocation:
Other cities have observed drastic crime reduction, increased prosecution rates and lower court costs in areas where cameras have been distributed. These reductions allow police resources to be more responsive to community and business concerns.

Funds needed to complete this project

The Saint Paul Police Foundation is seeking contributions to be used as matching funds for a \$3M Federal Port Security Grant. As of Jan. 08, we have received approximately \$300K in donations and are in need of another \$450K to launch this initiative.