

Building a Safer Community: Strategies for Community Safety and Engagement



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Introduction



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- Residential and Commercial Security Consulting
- Personal Inventory Services/ The Castle Vault

Police Office/ Detective 2013-2024

- Patrol 2013-2020
- Property Crimes Detective 2020-2024
 - Burglary (residential and commercial)
 - Theft
 - Fraud

Nuclear Security Officer 2012-2013

- G4S Security Solutions
 - Ginna Nuclear Powerplant

National crime alert



- **Criminals are becoming more sophisticated.**
 - Criminals are leveraging technology
 - Exploiting security vulnerabilities
 - Preying on perceived security
- **Hundreds of cases in DFW 2024**



Actionable ways to combat criminal activity

1. Promote communication
2. Utilize technology
3. Develop relationships with local Law Enforcement





Promote Communication

- Collaboration the the key to security success
 - Remain current on crime trend data
 - Engage with neighboring communities
- Disseminate Information
 - Have an online forum where you can quickly share important community security events
 - Share information about suspicious activity (including video)
- Develop relationships with neighbors
 - One of the most effective ways to prevent crime is to have someone watch your home while you are away.
 - Activity provides the perception that someone is home when they are not.

Utilize Technology

- Security Cameras & License Plate Readers
- Smart Access Control System for gated common areas
- Deploy Smart Lighting & Motion Sensors
- Establish a Virtual/ and in person Neighborhood Watch Program



Develop Relationships with Local Law Enforcement

- Strengthen Community-Police Relations
- Improve Emergency Response & Crime Prevention
- Enhance Neighborhood Watch & Safety Programs
- Increase Visibility & Community Presence
- Provide Educational Resources & Safety Training



Key takeaways

- Crime will continue to change and evolve – remain informed of current crime trends
 - Residential and community security is a joint effort – collaboration is key
 - Encourage community members to enhance security measures on their homes
 - If suspicious activity is observed share that information with local law enforcement
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