

This document was approved by the Safety committee on 2/27/14 and by the SSCO Board on 3/4/14.

***How can the Safety committee and Block Patrol be enhanced to better cope with the needs of the community?  
Strategies for the SSCO Strategic Plan.***

A program evaluation is under way to determine to what extent the Safety committee and Block Patrol meet the needs of the community and how the committee and Block Patrol can be enhanced to improve their performance and better cope with those needs within the framework of SSCO's Strategic Plan.

**Recommendations for the Safety committee**

- 1) The committee will experiment with ways to enhance the value and appeal of its monthly neighborhood safety meetings for community members.
- 2) The committee will explore ways to better present and promote its accomplishments in a positive manner while making the detailed crime information it compiles available only on request.
- 3) The committee will maintain and expand its active partnerships with law enforcement agencies, local businesses, nonprofit organizations, rental property owners, and condo associations.
- 4) The committee will partner with the Community Engagement committee to encourage and support block leaders and organizers with their National Night Out events.
- 5) The committee will work with the Community Engagement committee regarding safety-related content for an updated SSCO web site.
- 6) The committee will compile and provide safety information for SSCO's marketing plan.
- 7) The committee will participate in the process of updating SSCO's Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2015.
- 8) The committee will explore ways to develop new leaders for all safety-related activities.

**Recommendations for Block Patrol**

- 1) Block Patrol will partner with the Community Engagement committee to organize special walks (such as a neighborhood tour for new residents), special events (such as the substation open house), and other community outreach projects (such as door-knocking).
- 2) Block Patrol will work more closely with the Community Engagement committee to define its role at existing events such as Cinema & Civics and Red Hot Art, including ways to interact with attendees.
- 3) Block Patrol will seek the assistance of the Community Engagement committee to improve and expand its approach to publicity and recruiting.
- 4) Block Patrol will work with Stevens Community Apartments to better publicize its rental rebate program for residents who participate in Block Patrol and promote this program to other rental property owners.
- 5) Block Patrol will track and publicize its interaction with residents, including providing information and assistance.
- 6) Block Patrol will review its guidelines and update them to include any changes in the way the group operates.