



Fighting Crime begins with investing in local communities.

- 1) Learn** about local agencies or nonprofit organizations in your community. This is a great place to find your support and resources.
- 2) Connect** people in the community (especially youth) to activities or programs that help them find positive ways to spend their spare time. After-school programs, tutoring centers, part-time work, and volunteer opportunities go a long way toward keeping youths and adolescents away from negative influences.
- 3) Set up** a Neighborhood Watch or a community patrol that collaborates with local police. A trusted neighbor who keeps a vigilant eye on your home is one of the best crime deterrents.
- 4) Build** a partnership with the police to solve problems instead of reacting to crises. Make it possible for neighbors to report suspicious activity or crimes without fear of retaliation.
- 5) Clean up** the neighborhood! Organizing a neighborhood cleanup is a great way to get people out of the house and work together around a common cause. Buildings with broken windows, abandoned cars, and even litter send a message to criminals that the community has become complacent. Call the city public works department and ask for help cleaning up.
- 6) Get creative.** Ask your local city council to pass an anti-noise ordinance, update housing codes, and include drug-free clauses in rental agreements. These small actions help create an inhospitable environment for criminals and hopefully cause them to leave independently.
- 7) Work** with schools in your area to establish (and enforce) drug-free, gun-free zones. You can also collaborate with recreation officials to do the same for parks.
- 8) Create** and distribute a list of local organizations that can provide counseling, job training, guidance, and other services that could benefit community members.
- 9) Report** suspicious activity to the police. Cooperate by providing statements and witness testimony if you have information that could lead to the apprehension of a criminal.

10) Locate crisis centers, support groups, and service hotline numbers and make these resources available to victims of crime. Find out how you can help those affected by violence recover as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

I will invest in infrastructures that support our youth. Every community should promote ideas in the community that connects children with future success. I will invest in park revitalizations, community youth centers, and S.T.E.A.M. labs. No more overseas until our youth have a path to economic freedom. Invest in our children, not in personal

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