

SAMPLE

SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

When you speak with residents of the community and other leaders, it would help to have a series of standardized questions so that you can gain a better understanding of the issues and problems facing your community.

Here is a series of suggested or sample questions. Feel free to revise this list, adding your own questions or deleting any that don't apply to your situation. It may not be practical to apply your questionnaire to every one-- use your own judgment. But keep in mind that you should try to word the questions consistently to ensure that you will be able to compare and analyze the answers that you receive.

Name:

Title (if applicable):

Organization (if applicable):

- Describe the physical environment of (community name)? Are there vacant lots, rundown buildings, defaced buildings? overgrown bushes etc.?
- Are you or any organization (e.g. church) in which you are a member involved in any safety issues? If yes, what are the issues? If no, why?
- Do you or your organization have access to the local police department? If so, describe the nature of that relationship. If not, why?

- Do you or your organization have access to the local prosecutor's office? If so, describe the nature of that relationship. If not, Why?
- What community organizations exist in (community name)? Who are the leaders?
- How successful is your organization/neighborhood/block at mobilizing neighbors - getting them out to meetings and events? What types of activities were you most successful in securing participation? What activities were you least successful in getting participation?
- Has your home or place of work ever been vandalized?
- Are there particular areas in your community where crime is prevalent? Describe the conditions.

Rate the following issues in (target location).

Crime	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Auto Theft			
Burglary			
Drug Abuse			
Drug Dealing			
Guns			
Domestic Violence			
Property Theft			
Prostitution			
Rape/Sexual Assault			
School Safety			
School Theft			
Drinking			
Gambling			
Arson			

Sanitation	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Abandoned Cars			
Vacant Lots			
Rats/Roaches			
Refuse/Litter Pick-up			

Physical Environment	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Street Lights			
Traffic Lights			
Stop signs			
Graffiti			
Building Demolition			
Code Enforcement			
Sewers			
Parks			
Landscaping			
Parking			
Sidewalks			
Potholes			
Absentee landlords			

General	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Youth gangs			
Homeless People			
Loitering			
Traffic			
Loud Noise			

Other Comments: _____
