



FEDERAL STREET NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH FOCUS GROUP

RESIDENT SURVEY

The purpose of this Survey is to determine community opinion about public safety issues in our neighborhood. This survey will also provide information to the Federal Street Neighborhood Crime watch Focus Group and help us make better decisions as to the direction of this committee.

Introduction:

In 2002 Federal Street, Beckford Street, Essex Street, and Chestnut Street fell victim to a rash of daytime break-ins. During this period of time, the Salem Police Department came and spoke at one of our neighborhood meetings. Since then a few of us from the Federal Street Neighborhood Association met with the Salem Police Department and voiced our strong sense of community involvement and a desire to help the Police Department by forming a neighborhood crime watch. This focus group will determine if there is a need and a want for a neighborhood crime watch. Please complete this survey and return it to Rita Markunas @ 192 Federal Street.

Mission Statement:

The Federal Street Neighborhood Crime Watch wants to be a part of a solution and part of a prevention. Education about crime, responding to a crime, and residential feedback about crime, will be instrumental in making our community safer. All this will be directly in conjunction with the Salem Police Department.

Survey:**Part One:**

You will be asked to answer all the questions with one response. Strongly disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree, or Don't Know.

Comment Category:**Part Two:**

You will be asked some general questions regarding our neighborhood and the level of importance.

Neighborhood Watch:

Should the Neighborhood Crime Watch Focus Group decide there is a need for a neighborhood crime watch based on the results of this survey, we would like to know up front if you have an interest in becoming a volunteer. Please leave your name, address, and a telephone number where you can be reached, on a separate piece of paper because we would like the survey to remain anonymous.

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1. During the past year, crime in this neighborhood has increased.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
2. I am safe from assault in my neighborhood.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
3. I do not worry about having my home broken into.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
4. I do not worry about having my vehicle broken into when parked on the street, or in my driveway.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
5. I do not worry about vandalism to my vehicles or property in this neighborhood.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
6. I do not worry about hit and run damage to my car while parked on the street.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
7. I do not worry about crime when walking through the neighborhood during the day.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know

17. Sexual assaults are not a problem in this neighborhood.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
18. Auto theft is not a problem in this neighborhood.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
20. Acts of violence are not a problem in this neighborhood.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
21. People living in our neighborhood cause most of the problems.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know
22. The Salem Police Department responds to my needs in a reasonable time.
Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree
Don't Know

The majority of the questions in this survey were taken from the Salem Commons Neighborhood Crime Watch Survey. Our thanks to all involved.

COMMENT CATEGORY

Please answer the following questions with either a comment or a number rating, 1 being the least important and 10 being the most important to you.
Example: Should animal control be an issue? 7 because everyone needs to clean up after their pets.

What should be done to make our neighborhood a safer place?

Should animal control and leash laws be an issue?

What about other nuisance animals such as Skunks, Rats, Squirrels, and or Feral Cats?

Should street cleanliness be an issue?

Is lighting important in our neighborhood?

Are brick sidewalks important to us as a neighborhood?

Is loitering a problem here in the neighborhood?

Is horn honking a problem on my street?

Should there be a Neighborhood Crime Watch?

Should the police ticket traffic violations?

Is Illegal parking a problem in this neighborhood?

Is vandalism a problem on our street?

Would you support a fire Safety class from the Fire Department for our neighborhood?

Do you protect your home by locking all the doors, bulk heads, windows in your house?

Should run down and uncared for properties be an issue?

Should more tree be planted?

Is domestic violence an issue in your neighborhood?

Are illegal apartments and issue?

Would you like more historic signs?

Are broken fences an endangerment?

Are abandon and unregistered vehicles an issue?

Should snow removal on sidewalks be addressed?

Should placing trash out the night before be an issue?

This completes our survey, and thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and comment report. Your help is very much appreciated and valued. We will notify everyone of the results and the possibility of a Neighborhood Crime Watch. If you have any further questions or comments please add them to this report.

Thanks again.
The Federal Street Neighborhood
Crime Watch and Focus Group