

The Campbell Neighborhood Safety Plan

As our Mayor, Jane Campbell will lead the City to:

Fully implement Community Based Policing, a proven strategy that works by bringing the police and the community together to develop and implement neighborhood-specific action plans to fight crime.

Engage our neighborhood organizations as full partners in the fight against crime and use their knowledge of their own communities to identify crime hot spots and the tactics that will eliminate them. Require the District Commander to communicate with community groups and be responsive to their needs.

Support the Cleveland Police with the technology and programs they need to do their job and hold the Police accountable to the community for achieving measurable and accurate improvements in the neighborhood safety.

Coordinate with Federal and State agencies to rapidly target the outbreak of illegal drug activities in specific neighborhoods and to dry up liquor establishments known to tolerate illegal activity. Lobby the legislature to give more local control to the police to regulate liquor permits.

Increase the number of police assigned to enforcing traffic regulations and use the City's Traffic Engineering and Traffic Safety Divisions to quiet our neighborhood streets, reduce cut-through traffic, and eliminate "drive through" drug hot spots.

Use the City's development departments and our neighborhood organizations to redevelop the blighted commercial strips and know hot spots that invite criminal activity.

Use the City's Building and Housing Division to target code enforcement of vacant buildings and run down properties that attract criminal activity and threaten the safety of our communities.

Use the City's Utilities Department to Shine the Light on Crime by improving neighborhood lighting and by focusing special attention on known crime hot spots.

Fix the "broken window" by addressing minor crimes--loitering, loud music, graffiti, and vandalism--that threaten our citizens and send a message that our neighborhoods are not safe. Enforce the curfew of all ages up to 17. We must work closely with community groups to enforce the policy.

Fight for the safety of our children by enforcing zero tolerance of drug activity in and around all schools and by working with our neighborhood organizations to insure that our kids are safe on the way to and from their schools.

Fight for the safety of our senior citizens by working with the senior community and the Police Department to develop programs that target crimes against seniors and address the fear of crime that too often paralyzes our senior citizens.

Require every Police District have police officers specially trained to handle crimes against senior citizens. Currently, only the 2nd District has a police office specifically assigned to crimes against seniors.

Establish a Senior Fraud Hotline and aggressively target and prosecute scams perpetrated against seniors.

Enter into a cooperative agreement with Cuyahoga County to expand jail capacity and eliminate the practice of "straight release" which results from chronic jail overcrowding.

Identify every suspect entering the justice system and work cooperatively with other law enforcement organizations to make sure that known criminals are not released in error.

Evaluate and employ available surveillance technology to target high crime areas and send a clear message that crime will not be tolerated in Cleveland neighborhoods.

Hold Senior Appreciation Nights in every district. These events will inform senior citizens of new programs to make their neighborhoods safe and how to protect themselves.