





# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

# PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Services & Resources in North Houston District



# North Houston District: Building a Safer Community through Partnerships

As part of one of the nation's largest cities, crime is a part of our reality. However, we can all work together to decrease crime. In major activity centers, like the North Houston District, most crime is against property and not people. The good news is that property crimes, like theft, are some of the most preventable.

The North Houston District spearheads activities to mitigate crime, including crime prevention presentations and a variety of public safety programs. Our District programs include one of the most proven methods to decrease crime – educating community stakeholders on crime prevention strategies and techniques.

#### **PROGRAMS**

### Houston Police Department North Belt Division

Did you know we closed the Houston Police Department (HPD) storefront at Greenspoint Mall, to help fund the lease space for a new and better location? The HPD North Belt Division at 100 Glenborough Drive is a fully operational station with over 100 officers and open 24-7.



#### North Houston District Parks Patrol

The District provides private security patrol to monitor its parks and trails.

#### Harris County Sheriff's Office Task Force

Launched in March 2016, this program increases police visibility and targets specific community concerns. In addition, deputies educate the community on crime prevention strategies.



#### Community Events

**Hoops & Heroes** provides a fun and interactive way for residents, particularly youth and law enforcement, to team up. It is held at local apartment communities and includes different branches of the military, law enforcement and firefighters.

In October, the District hosts a **National Night Out** to build community and promote positive interaction with law enforcement.

# **SERVICES**

## **Auto Theft Prevention Report Card**

This outreach program helps individuals take steps to keep their vehicles safe by providing practical recommendations that deter crime, such as not leaving valuables in sight in a parked car.

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Assessments

The District works with HPD to provide free CPTED assessments. These site visits help businesses and property owners identify design improvements, such as lighting, access points and signage, that discourage criminal behavior and encourage people to be more alert.

# Crime Analysis: Know the Facts

The North Houston District analyzes crime data to determine needs and allocate resources. Because the District's area consists of two police beats and two law enforcement jurisdictions, data must be pulled from multiple sources to gain an accurate perspective on crime.

In addition, HPD has advised against comparing patrol beats due to size and population differences. It is difficult to compare counties for those same reasons and because of inconsistent methods of reporting crime among agencies.

Therefore, we look at overall crime in the City of Houston and determine how much of that activity occurs in North Houston District.

ONLY 3%
of all crime
in the City of
Houston occurs
in North Houston
District!

	CITY OF HOUSTON	DISTRICT BEATS (%)
THEFT	61,968	1,178(3%)
BURGLARY	15,546	422 (3%)
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11,404	340 (3%)
AUTO CRIME	10,599	390 (4%)
ROBBERY	8,818	474 (5%)
OTHER	1,478	43 (3%)
TOTAL	109,813	2,847 (3%)

This area has 5% or less of overall crime in each category!

Source: Houston Police Department Scope: January - November 2017 City Data: City of Houston HPD City Limits North Houston District Data: Beats 6B50 and 6B60

# North Houston District Law Enforcement Partners



# Want to know the stats for your community?

The following Web sites let you explore activity in a specific location by simply entering an address.

City of Houston Stats – LexisNexis Community Crime Map

www.communitycrimemap.com

Harris County Stats – Crime Reports

www.crimereports.com



# **HELPFUL RESOURCES**



#### **Crime Stoppers**

Provides a variety of resources on crime prevention.

www.crime-stoppers.org



#### **Stop Houston Gangs**

Information on gang prevention and awareness in Houston.

www.stophoustongangs.org



#### Nextdoor

Stay informed. Sign up for NextdoorGreenspoint.

www.nextdoor.com



#### **Houston Police Department**

Learn about the new "Open-Carry" laws and crime stats in your neighborhoods in the city.

www.houstontx.gov/police



#### Harris County Sheriff's Office

Get access to locations of storefronts and substations, and crime reporting in Harris County.

www.harriscountyso.org

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS**

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Park in well-lit areas.

Walk with friends and coworkers instead of alone.

Have your keys ready when walking to your vehicle.

If you notice someone following you, call 911 immediately, or drive to the nearest police station.

Report any questionable activity or crime right away.

# REPORTING A CRIME BY PHONE

Remain on the phone until the officer has all the information necessary to dispatch the appropriate response personnel to the scene. Provide as many details as possible, such as:

- » Age, race, height & weight
- » Hair color & style, beard & mustache
- » Notable characteristics (acne, scars, glasses mental state, etc.)
- » Clothing description
- » Location where last seen
- » Last known direction of travel
- » Vehicle description & distinctive markings

To schedule a Public Safety Presentation please contact Tracy Harrison,
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