



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Services & Resources in North Houston District



The 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 North Houston District, most crime is against property and not people. The good news is 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. District programs are outlined below and include one of the most proven methods to decrease crime – educating community stakeholders on crime prevention strategies and techniques.

Programs

Public Safety Center

Established in 1994, the center is an example of collaborative efforts initiated by the North Houston District. Greenspoint Mall donates the space, and it is utilized by multiple law enforcement agencies working in the area.

North Houston District Patrol

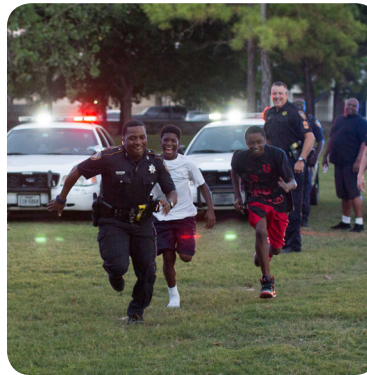
The District has six officers who routinely patrol business and retail areas. The officers work five days a week at various times during the day and evening.

North Houston District Parks Patrol

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

Harris County Task Force

Launched in March 2016, this program increases police visibility and targets specific community concerns. In addition, deputies will work to 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 throughout the year and includes different branches of the military, law enforcement and firefighters.

Each year in October, the District hosts a National Night Out event as another way to build community and promote positive interaction with law enforcement.



The North Houston District's events build relationships between law enforcement and the community.

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 the Houston Police Department 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 and aware.

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 of crime.

In addition, the Houston Police Department 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	69,219	1,602 (2%)
BURGLARY	18,442	560 (3%)
AUTO THEFT	12,690	527 (4%)
ROBBERY	11,058	506 (5%)
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9,763	352 (4%)
OTHER	1,517	48 (3%)
TOTAL	122,689	3,595 (3%)

Source: Houston Police Department
Scope: January - December 2016
City Data: City of Houston HPD City Limits
North Houston District Data: Beats 6B50 and 6B60

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

Want to know the facts 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



**To Schedule a Public Safety Presentation
Please contact Tracy Harrison,
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North Houston District Law Enforcement Partners



Public Safety Tips

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Park in well-lit areas.

Walk with friends and co-workers instead of alone.

Carry your purse close to your body.

Have your keys ready when walking to your vehicle.

ALWAYS lock your vehicle and NEVER leave valuables inside.

Do not carry or display large amounts of money or jewelry.

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

If approached by someone demanding money, do not resist. Turn over the money and call the police immediately.

Report any questionable activity or crime right away.

When Reporting A Crime By Phone

Remain on the phone until the communications 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



Witnesses who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

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



Harris County Sheriff's Office

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

www.harriscountyso.org



Houston Police Department

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

www.houstonpolice.org

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