

## **Group Project – Community Oriented Policing**

Break into groups of 10.

Discuss the problem and answer the questions.

Select one person to represent your group and share your solutions.

Set-up:

You live in a generally quiet and peaceful neighborhood of about four blocks and approximately 20 homes. Several of your neighbors are elderly and have lived in the neighborhood for 30+ years. Traditionally the neighborhood has been relatively crime free with few problems but lately there has been increase in residential burglaries. Additionally, you and your neighbors have noticed groups of young men wandering around the neighborhood, often wearing “colors” of gangs that operate in other parts of your city. Reports of burglaries seem to increase when the gangs are seen in your neighborhood. You and your neighbors are getting frustrated with the increase in crime and the decrease in personal safety. What do you do?

Questions:

1. What is your first step?
2. Who is responsible for this problem?
3. How do you resolve the problem?
4. Who are the stakeholders?
5. Who can you call on for assistance?
6. How do you keep it from reoccurring?