

WHY THE CAMPAIGN

Crime in our streets is tragic, frightening, terrible, maddening and is a horror by day, a nightmare by night. It is a shocking reality. It is worsening. A more serious consequence, while the community is aware of the alarming menace of crime and all of its attending evil effects—the fact remains, there is nothing being done to combat it — to declare war against it — to arise total community efforts to curb it — to reduce it to a large degree. Denouncing crime without a positive and aggressive program to eliminate it is asking for rain without a cloud in the sky.

The Detroit Urban League launched its "Citizens' Campaign on Crime Prevention and Leadership Development" on February 24, 1969. More than 400 block clubs, neighborhood associations, agency representatives, and many individuals have been working together to create an awareness of and to put into action many projects designed to combat our enemy: Crime.

The League is grateful and thankful for the many positive results that have been achieved. Yet, certainly, with your renewed strength, with new persons, block clubs, agencies, and support from additional quarters, the increased efforts and combined cooperation from you, as we work with the 13 police precincts, will give our Police Department **new hope, greater courage, and a dogged determination** to do a better job because citizens do care. Let us all **think this, say this, and do this**: When citizens and police understand each other — working together as mutual partners — the public always wins. Join today and help win this battle against crime.

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Executive Director

WHAT ONE CAN DO

1. When on vacation, be certain that house appears normal. (Lawn mowed, newspapers and circulars picked up, shades and curtains in normal position, notify neighbors and the police.)
2. Warn children to beware of strangers.
3. Never invite strangers into your apartment or home without identification.
4. Never leave outside doors open when in another part of the house.
5. Install locks recommended by the Police Department.
6. Leave soft playing radio on in apartment when away.
7. If possible, never carry large sums of money or leave it at home.
8. Report a stranger breaking into your neighbor's home.
9. When going out, travel in pairs whenever possible.
10. Keep back and sides of your house well-lighted.
11. Call police when suspicious persons or activities are noticed.
12. Record license plate number of suspicious vehicles.
13. Develop a buddy system or team as "neighborhood watchers."
14. Organize strong block clubs for protection and unity.
15. Lock car ignition, remove keys, close all windows, and lock all doors when leaving.
16. Carry keys when not driving.
17. Keep doors locked when driving.
18. Do not take pickups or hitchhikers.
19. Do not buy stolen (hot) goods.
20. See that pawnshops operate under strict law.

In Reporting Crime to the Police
Call 224-1212

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Join one of the following committees:

1. **Citizens' Participation, Block Clubs and Speakers Bureau**
 - a. Encourage citizens' participation by stimulating the development of new block clubs and revitalizing existing ones.
 - b. Provide speakers for block clubs and other groups, to speak on crime prevention programs.
 - c. Encourage eligible persons to join the police department.
2. **Educational Relations**
 - a. Foster changes through new educational activities.
 - b. Expand social science curriculum to include the causes and effects of crime on society.
 - c. Develop workshops on crime and drug abuse.
 - d. Join and participate in your P.T.S.A. (Parent-Teacher-Student Association).
3. **Church Relations**
 - a. Stimulate churches and religious organizations to participate.
 - b. Encourage religious institutions to play a more active role in the community on juvenile delinquency, better recreation, and expanded employment opportunities.
4. **Youth Relations**
 - a. Involve youth in crime prevention at every precinct level.
 - b. Establish closer ties between youth and other segments of society by sharing in decision making and serving equally with adults.



THE DETROIT URBAN LEAGUE
invites your participation.

Join the
**'CITIZENS' CAMPAIGN FOR
CRIME PREVENTION
AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT.'**

**DO YOU KNOW THE HIGH COST
OF CRIME?**

1. Between 25 and 30 billion dollars spent annually fighting crime.
2. Stolen goods represent a loss of \$818,000,000.
3. Recovered stolen goods — \$408,000,000.
4. In 1968, 475 police officers were killed in line of duty.
5. In 1968, 28,591 citizens were killed in non-negligent homicide and violence.
6. Who pays for crime? You and I.

For Further Information, Contact
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In developing the crime slogan, several high schools were asked to have students submit slogans. A panel of judges selected

**"DO YOUR THANG AGAINST
CRIME"**

submitted by Mitchell Gross of Northwestern High School. The slogan was adopted and Mitchell Gross received a \$25.00 cash award



FOCUS ON CRIME — Frank Kamegoy, Detroit Urban League's executive director, discusses police-community

relations with Detroit Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy and Wayne County Sheriff William Lutz.

*More citizen action
called key weapon
in war on crime*

"Do Your Thang Against Crime"

5. Business and Finance

- a. Involve the business community.
- b. Develop a budget for financial obligations.
- c. Locate new sources of revenue.
- d. Encourage businessmen to serve on all committees.

6. Evaluation and Coordination

- a. Coordinate all activities.
- b. Evaluate committees' work.
- c. Keep each committee aware of new activities in related fields.

7. Police-Community Relations and Citizens' Complaints

- a. Receive and oversee all complaints about police-citizens' relations.
- b. Improve relations between police and community.
- c. Thoroughly investigate and present complaints to Citizen-Police Complaint Bureau.
- d. Report results of complaints.
- e. Work with all precincts.

8. Social Action, Programs, Projects and Community Relations

- a. Encourage court watching to insure justice under the law.
- b. Enforcement of curfew laws.
- c. Involvement of State Legislators on need for enforcement of existing laws that relate to criminal offenses.
- d. Introduction of new legislation when necessary.
- e. Involving the community in all aspects of the program.