

## Senior Corps Work Plan SAMPLE

<b>Work Plan Name:</b> Neighborhood Watch – Sample 1 (RSVP)	<b>Work Plan ID:</b> NDH12058
<b>Issue Area:</b> Public Safety	<b>Total # Stations:</b> 5
<b>Service Category:</b> Neighborhood Watch/Block Watch	<b>Total # Volunteers:</b> 20
<p><b>Community Need:</b>  The Blue Valley Police Department documented increases in reported incidents of property crime (up 15 percent), vandalism (up 22 percent), and violent crime (up six percent) in the city of Blue Valley during 2003. Additionally, the Blue Valley Senior Center conducted a telephone survey of 237 local seniors and almost half (116) reported that they did not feel safe walking on their blocks alone, even during the daytime. To address this problem, the Blue Valley police chief has expressed interest in increasing the neighborhood watch program. The police department is seeking a community partner to assist them in this effort. RSVP has agreed to assist the police department to expand an existing neighborhood watch program to include more Blue Valley neighborhoods.</p>	
<p><b>Service Activity:</b>  Twenty RSVP volunteers and five police officers, organized into five-person teams (four RSVPs and one police officer per team) will assist neighborhoods to form neighborhood watch committees. Each team will target a neighborhood with a high rate of crime, as identified by the Blue Valley Police Department. Each team will identify a neighborhood resident to serve as liaison to the local community, assisting with meetings, advertising, and logistics. RSVPs will go door-to-door, talking with residents about the neighborhood watch program, distributing flyers, and encouraging residents to attend the start-up meeting. At the start-up meeting, the team will introduce residents to neighborhood watch, distribute the neighborhood watch program manual, and facilitate establishment of a neighborhood watch committee (committees will have a minimum of 10 members). RSVPs will follow up with each newly-formed neighborhood watch committee by attending a subsequent committee meeting, and by contacting the committee at least three times over the next six months to verify that programs are still active, and to provide any additional support they need to become self-sustaining.</p>	
<p><b>Anticipated Input:</b>  Twenty volunteers will provide 2,200 hours of service annually. The Blue Valley Police Chief will conduct one 3-hour orientation and training session for all 20 RSVP volunteers. The police department will donate the time of five police officers (four hours each) to co-facilitate five start-up meetings. One hundred copies of the neighborhood watch program manual and refreshments for each start-up meeting will be furnished by the police department. Telephones, mailing and office supplies used by RSVP volunteers to set up meetings will be provided by RSVP.</p>	

<p><b>Anticipated Accomplishments/Outputs:</b> New neighborhood watch committees will be formed.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Number of new neighborhood watch committees formed (annually)</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Five new neighborhood watch committees will be formed (annually).</p> <p><b>How Measured?</b> Copies of membership rosters for newly formed neighborhood watch committees (data source), collected from committees by RSVP volunteers.</p>
<p><b>Anticipated Intermediate Impact/Outcome:</b> Newly formed neighborhood watch committees will continue to be active six months after start-up.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Six months after start-up, number of newly formed neighborhood watch committees that continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) have at least ten members,</li> <li>(2) hold monthly meetings, and</li> <li>(3) conduct and plan events and activities that bring neighborhood residents together and raise awareness about how to prevent and respond to criminal activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Target:</b> Six months after start-up, at least four of five newly formed neighborhood watch committees will still:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) have ten members,</li> <li>(2) be holding monthly meetings, and</li> <li>(3) be conducting and planning events and activities that bring neighborhood residents together and raise awareness about how to prevent and respond to criminal activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>How Measured?</b> Neighborhood Watch Tracking Log, completed by RSVP volunteers during six-month follow-up period to record dates committee meetings were held, and to describe events and activities that committee have conducted and/or planned.</p>
<p><b>Anticipated End Impact/Outcome:</b> Blue Valley seniors that live in areas where new neighborhood watch committees are active will report feeling safer than they did one year ago.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Percent of Blue Valley seniors reporting they feel safer in their neighborhoods than they did one year ago.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Sixty percent of Blue Valley seniors living in areas where neighborhood watch committees are active will report that they feel safer in their neighborhoods than they did one year ago.</p> <p><b>How Measured:</b> A follow-up telephone survey will be conducted, in cooperation with the Blue Valley Senior Center, one year after neighborhood watch committees have been formed.</p>