

Community Safety and Crime: Identified Issues and Recommendations

Issue 1

Refugees are unsure of what actions they can take to keep them safe.

Recommendations:

- Education is the key
- DeKalb police and fire will come and teach classes
 - Topics to be included in classes
 - Safety on MARTA
 - Safety in the apartments
 - “Street-smarts”
 - There is safety in numbers
 - 9-1-1 has a language line

Issue 2

Safety information is not always language or culturally appropriate.

Recommendations:

- Collect the community perspective first and foremost
- People will respond better when they feel their needs are being met

Issue 3

Refugees may be reluctant to communicate with police out of fear or lack of knowledge

Recommendations:

- Police can (and do) reach out to children who may understand English sooner
- Police can teach safety classes to build a rapport

Issue 4

Apartment complexes could be unsafe environments.

Recommendations:

- Create a neighborhood/apartment watch
 - Must include management to be effective
 - Instructions for setting up the watch are located on note sheet
- Increase police presence in apartment complex
- Stay alert on www.crimemapping.com about what type and where crimes are taking place