



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Task Force on Community Safety and Well-Being

November 2020



Background

Launched October 20, 2020

Co-chaired by Jay Kasey and Dr. Melissa Shivers

Held a total of 7 meetings

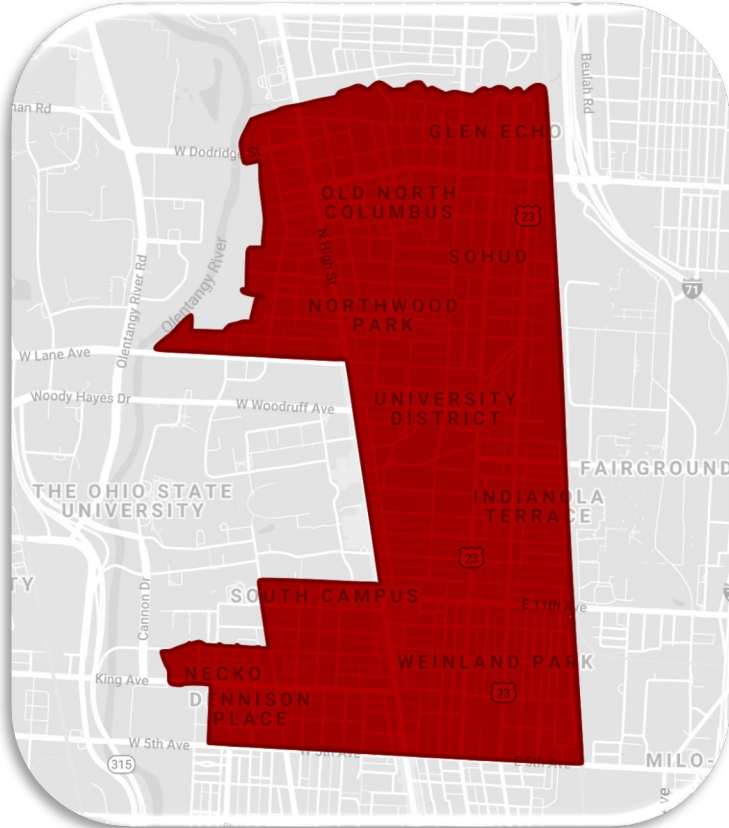
Task Force Charge

To facilitate a comprehensive analysis of the challenges, opportunities, successes and potential gaps related to the safety of our Ohio State community.



Membership

- Students, faculty and staff
- Parents
- Law enforcement
- Public Health
- Columbus City Council
- City of Columbus (Mayor's Office)
- University District Organization



University District

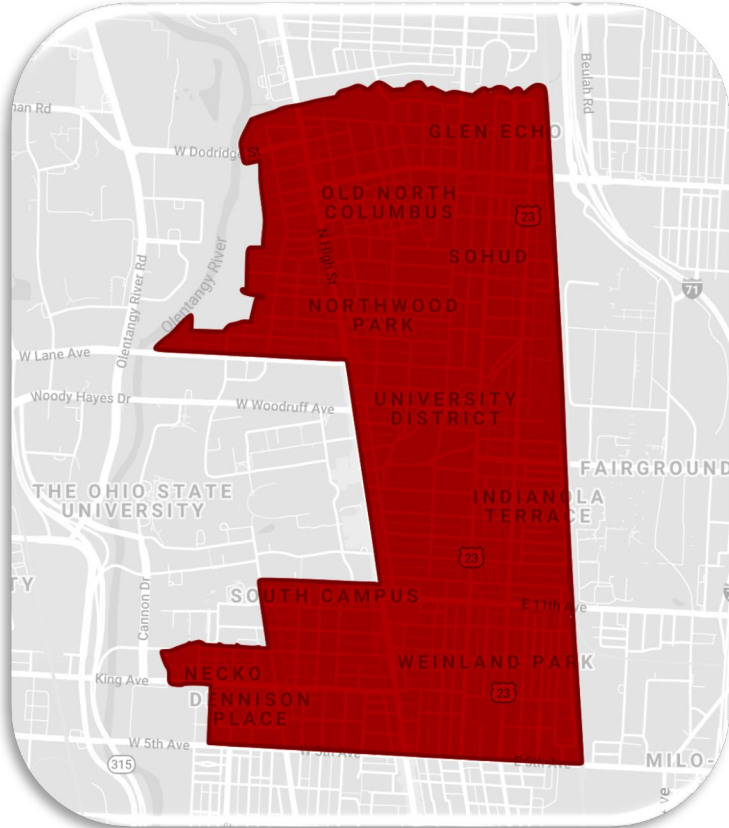
Overview

Area east of Ohio State campus

- 700 landlords
- 650 business
- 18,000 students live in district

Community Organizations

- Campus Partners
- University Area Commission
- University District Organization
- Weinland Park Collaborative



University District

Layers of Security

Columbus Division of Police jurisdiction

- Mutual aid allows OSU crime interdiction and patrols
- Joint Patrol
- Special Improvement District

Additional security measures

- Cameras
- Lighting
- Nov. 2020 Return of Community Crime Patrol



Focus Areas

- Crime statistics
- Neighborhood support services
- Police and safety support (on and off-campus)
- Existing safety resources and surveillance
- Bars and off-campus gatherings
- The University District Organization Special Improvement District



Recommendations

The task force identified three key themes:

1. Safety Awareness and Education
2. Enhanced Security Measures
3. Outreach and Engagement Efforts



Develop a comprehensive, layered, educational campaign of all safety resources

Expand and enhance the Community Ambassador program

Increase access and attendance in the off-campus living workshops

Create and launch a safety class targeted for community members living off-campus

Enhance the existing cultural diversity and implicit bias training currently being conducted in OSU PD by partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion



Expand surveillance coverage in the off-campus neighborhoods

Evaluate lighting and landscape in the off-campus neighborhoods in partnership with the City of Columbus

Extend the hours and promotion of the Lyft Ride Smart program

Increase the staffing of OSU PD to allow for 24/7 coverage of one OSU joint patrol officer with CPD in the University District

Expand and enhance the Off-Campus Housing Excellence Program (OCHEP)

Reintroduce the Community Crime Patrol (CCP) to provide community-based crime prevention in the University District



Conduct a campus-wide safety survey for students

Develop and strengthen OSU partnerships with grass roots and community organizations to advance greater safety and wellness in our neighborhoods

Add resources to the University District Organization (UDO) to develop and offer social service outreach

Work with the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to expand on OSU PD's existing community policing programs and initiatives, with a special focus on outreach and interactions with marginalized groups



Next Steps

- Develop target implementation dates and costs
- Prepare for December implementation launch phase
- Identify three implementation teams



Questions?