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SafeCity

is an initiative begun in 2011 as a part of the Frogtown Community House & Garden Project to build relationships between police, individuals, businesses and community groups in the Frogtown neighborhood.

an outreach of **YOUNG ADULT Koinonia**



John Tolo (SafeCity Project) & Uriah McGillivrey (Target Security) - a great example of how Organizations & Businesses can team up to see transformation in a community

On Jan 18 2014 Safe City held

Story by Hillary Walker Safe City Correspondant

our first formally sponsored event, which began as many good relationships do—over dinner

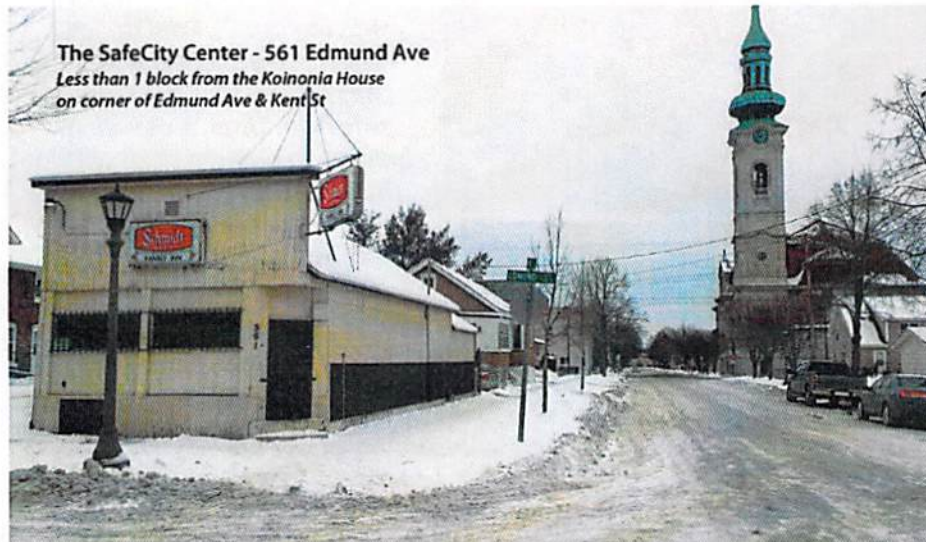
Hosted at the Western District Police Department, laughter was aplenty along the red and white-checked covered tables as St. Paul police officers mingled with the 23 volunteers from Safecity. Next to every chair laid a printed note written by the event coordinator Laurie Soule to thank the officers who dedicate their lives to keeping the city safe. Similar personal touches graced the room,

votive candles, floral centerpieces, all meant to accompany the lasagna, pasta and other treats catered from Cosetta's Eatery and Pizzeria.

Part of the purpose of the event was to enhance relationships that were already in place. Uriah McGillivrey, a member of the SafeCity group, works in the Assets Protection department at the Midway Super Target across the street from the police station. His occupation in security puts him in communication with the police department on a continual basis as they work together to prevent theft and promote safety within the Target store. Uriah was given time out of his workday to visit the department both as a Target employee and as a participant of the SafeCity initiative. He said, "I was excited to be able to participate in this event to

"On behalf of the Western District, I really want to thank you for hosting dinner for us. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and affirms our partnership, which I look forward to growing. The personnel that attended had very good things to say about the food and volunteers. We are grateful to have you in the district and that we are partners in our continued efforts to make living in the City a better place."

Commander Paul Iovino
 Senior Commander Western District
 Saint Paul Police Dept



The SafeCity Center - 561 Edmund Ave
 Less than 1 block from the Koinonia House
 on corner of Edmund Ave & Kent St

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food, construction help, partnerships, friends, volunteer clean up days, social work support, teachers, administrators child care, painting, art, gardening and more!

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serve our St. Paul police officers, to honor them and to show appreciation for all that they do." When asked about the event, Uriah stated that working at his job and "being a part of Safecity, I get to see a side of the [officers] most people don't see, their passion to make a positive difference in the community by allowing us to partner with them in certain situations to reach out to those that need help." Target was interested in the Safecity initiative and it's impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and demonstrated their support of Safecity and the officers by donating food supplies and a customized cake to celebrate the occasion.

Other volunteers at the event got to meet officers in a comfortable setting and begin to build relationships that otherwise wouldn't have had a chance or place to start. By building these relationships Safecity hopes to find proactive ways to identify and confront chronic life controlling issues in families and individuals that results in habitual criminal activity. We focus on solutions that move offend-



ers out of dangerous lifestyles and into safe-sober community. At Safecity we know that this event was only the beginning of a partnership between the St. Paul Police Department, Safecity, and local businesses that will continue to provide a safe environment for both community and commerce.

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Uriah McGillivray & Officer Hughes of the St Paul Police Dept Western District

"It didn't take long for me to realize the importance of having our St. Paul police officers present at our store. They ensure that the store is safe from threats as well as helping to prevent theft within the store. ... As a part of Safe City, I get to see a side of them most people don't see."

Uriah works in the Assets Protection department at the Midway Super Target.

We operate under the legal business entity, a 501c3 non-profit, known as "Young Adult Koinonia." Our primary mission is to provide safe sober community to at-risk young adults.

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