

Safer Crocker Highlands safercrockerhighlands.org

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Dear Safer Crocker Neighbors and Friends,

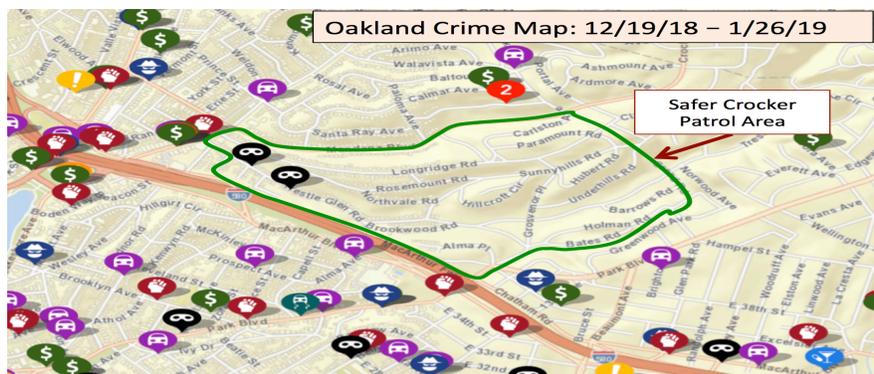
Over three years ago, neighbors in the Lakeshore Homes Association (LHA) territory banded together to form a non-profit called "Safer Crocker Highlands" with the goal of providing a private patrol service for our immediate neighborhood, financed by voluntary donations. About 13 percent of neighbors presently participate with a donation of \$30 per month, although residents may contribute more or less to the effort. Safer Crocker is not affiliated with LHA, but LHA has agreed to send our neighbors this message for which we thank them. Because some of our supporters have moved and we have not had significant new sign-ups, we may be forced to reduce our patrol hours, presently set at 48 hours per week. **We need your help to preserve and grow this successful program.**

We hope you have seen the patrols during the daylight hours. We believe that in Oakland we can become safer only as a community, not as isolated individuals. We share three goals:

- to reduce crime in our immediate community,
- to have our families feel safe on our streets and in our homes, and
- to create a visible presence warning those who might target crime in our neighborhood.

While we will never eliminate all risks, Safer Crocker is working towards improved safety. The patrols are arranged at variable hours of the day and days of the week. The officers are also available by phone to anyone who observes suspicious activity or feels threatened. Each day, the patrols pass in front of each home three to five times.

Studies show that security patrols reduce crime, and the map in our area seem to indicate that is true for our patrol area as well (see map below). We are sure that potential criminals are aware of our security patrols. Most recent crime in the neighborhood is occurring at night when we do not have patrols. We could, however, have 24 hour/7 day a week coverage if we increase participation to 40 percent of those within LHA.



The Safer Crocker patrols depend on the participation of members of this community. Every dollar donated to Safer Crocker goes directly to our security patrol service. Thank you to our loyal Safer Crocker supporters. If you are not a member, please visit our web site at www.safercrockerhighlands.org and consider signing up. This is a wonderful, vibrant community. It hurts us all when any of us are targeted by crime. Only together can we create a safer community for all who live here.

Thank you,
The Safer Crocker Board