

Dear Concerned Neighbors,

Since January 1, there have been over fifteen attacks on our neighbors ranging from robberies to assaults to carjackings. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please join us in taking a stand against those who are targeting us by signing up to take a 1-hour shift on a designated SafeRoute

Our goal is to launch the pilot SafeRoute – to put more eyes on the streets during peak commuting hours (Monday through Friday) around the Potomac Avenue Metro and along 14th Street starting **Monday, March 21**. To do that, we are now seeking volunteers to sign-up for specific time-slots for that day and weekdays through the end of April.

How to Sign-Up

Click on the link below and then select a day(s) and time(s) when you are available to stand watch:

Sentinels: There are two time slots each day, 5:30 to 6:30 pm and 6:30 to 7:30pm.

SafeRoute Leaders: There is one three-hour time slot each day (5:00 – 8:00pm) for those available to serve as a SafeRoute Leader. (Those who sign up to be a SafeRoute Leader will receive special instructions in advance.)

We would appreciate it if you could sign up for a regular time slot – for example, every Monday at the same time – and even better would be if you could cover more than one time slot on a regular basis until we have more volunteers.

What to Expect

On the day you are serving as a Sentinel, you'll need to meet the SafeRoute Leader at the Potomac Avenue Metro Plaza 15 minutes in advance of your shift.

The SafeRoute Leader will issue you a security vest and personal alarm device to use during your shift, provide you instructions, and assign you to an intersection. It's up to you whether you want to bring along a cell phone to be able to call 9-1-1.

We will be supported by DC MPD, which will assign officers as a quick response force.

We ask that you stand watch at your assigned intersection for your entire shift. You are welcome to bring your dog, a neighbor, or a friend to keep you company. We also encourage you to greet neighbors who walk past you, tell them about the SafeRoutes initiative, and encourage them to volunteer as well.

Again, thank you for signing up for the SafeRoutes program to make our neighborhood safer and we look forward to meeting you!

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