



CARAG Crime & Safety Committee

## CITIZEN PATROL

# CARAG



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## Stroll Patrol

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

*To residents of virtually any city in the U.S., it is clear that levels of crime can erupt in neighborhoods to the point where the police cannot be expected to keep up with it to the satisfaction of those who live nearby. CARAG's Crime & Safety Committee has heard the message from the community that there are areas in CARAG that need patrolling beyond the capacity of the MPD. While we cannot provide the protection and service of fully-trained and equipped officers of the peace, we can help the police out in focusing our observations where there is a pattern of burglaries, robberies, auto theft, excessive noise or other crime...*

#### THE "NO" RULES:

- **NO WEAPONS**
- **NO TRESPASSING.** Keep to public sidewalks or alleys unless invited onto private property.
- **NEVER PATROL ALONE.** Patrols of 3 or 4 are recommended.
- **NO CONFRONTATIONS.**
- **NO DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR DURING PATROL**

#### THE "YES" RULES:

- **EACH GROUP MUST CARRY AT LEAST ONE CELL PHONE**
- **WEAR YOUR CARAG STROLL PATROL GEAR: (Vest & Stroll Patrol ID)**
- **ALWAYS CARRY MN I.D. OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.** (Lyndale-provides an I.D. that must also be visible.)
- **TALK TO THE PEOPLE!** A flyer promoting CARAG will be provided to hand out to all whom we meet.

#### OPTIONAL

- **CONTACT THE PRECINCT (673-5705) TO ADVISE THEM OF PATROL TIME & AREA.**  
(Recommended for late night walks.)
- **MAINTAIN A LOG:** A tape recorder works well; pen/paper
- **FLASHLIGHTS:** (Recommended for late-night walks).
- **WHISTLES:**

**PATROLS IN CARAG ARE CONDUCTED ON A COMPLETELY VOLUNTEER BASIS:** You participate with the understanding that the Calhoun Area Residents Action Group is not responsible for any act, behavior, or printed materials not approved by the Crime & Safety Committee or CARAG organization. Volunteers who cannot abide by these guidelines will not be allowed to participate. Participants are required to sign this, acknowledging the rules and the need for training. **Remember, we're trying to prevent crime, not precipitate it.** You agree that CARAG will not be held responsible for any actions you take or any injury resulting from falls or assaults. While our strategy will greatly reduce the risks of either potentiality, we cannot guarantee total safety.

Remember that the walks organized for crime prevention in CARAG are meant to be a positive act in every respect: A successful shift will mean we have introduced ourselves to all we encounter, and perhaps not even witness any criminal activity.

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Signature of Volunteer

Date