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To: Seattle Community Leaders  
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Executive Director

Re: Community Mapping and Survey Project

Many of you have expressed interest in information and data reports tailored to your communities, especially reports that will support your activities to prevent or intervene with crime in your neighborhoods.

In 2006, SNG worked with a researcher from the University of Washington to design community safety surveys, collect demographic data and to perform an observational survey of the communities represented in South Park, White Center, the Central Area, Capitol Hill, Rainier Valley and West Seattle. The observational surveys were conducted in July and August, 2006 by UW graduate students working as two-person teams. The community surveys were distributed and available for on-line input last summer and fall.

The demographic information collected and the observational survey information is very interesting and should be very informative for your planning activities. The survey information collected is less valid, but still informative. We worked hard to get a representative sample for the surveys, but were more successful in some communities than others.

**Please note** that within each community cluster we focused our study on those census tracts with the highest aggregate rates of the following crime types: weapons, drugs, assault, residential burglary and vandalism.

I hope you find this information helpful and I would appreciate your feedback.