

FERGUSON ROAD INITIATIVE

Dallas, Texas

GRANT NOS: (2007-WS-Q 7-0053)

P.O. BOX 570417, DALLAS, TX 75357

PROGRESS REPORT – Final Year Two

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Weed & Seed Grant Number: 2007-WS-Q7-0053 - 2

Progress Report Period: January 1, 2008 through June 30th 2008

Name of Weed and Seed Site, City, and State: Ferguson Road Initiative 2-Points, Dallas, Texas

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The Site is in the 2nd Year of implementing the 5 Year Strategy.

COLLABORATIONS - FRI 2-Points *Weed & Seed* (FRI2) collaborates with dozens of local, state and federal agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses and other governmental units active in the Ferguson Road corridor. Our primary partners are: Dallas Police Department (DPD) Northeast Patrol Division, the local U.S. Attorney's office (USAO), the City of Dallas, Dallas County Juvenile and Adult Probation and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). New partners added this year are the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the DEA.

DRUG TRAFFICKING - In the last 24 months, three major drug busts have occurred in and around the *2-Points Weed & Seed* community. One incident in the heart of *2-Points* community netted 12 kilograms of cocaine valued at \$1.5m, 300 pounds of marijuana, \$213k in cash, and numerous pistols & assault rifles. Records seized during the raid indicated that this operation had annualized sales of over \$15 million. In two additional seizures, just six blocks outside of the *2-Points* target area, officers netted over 295 kilograms of cocaine valued at over \$13.3 million.

- In another incident, a major drug trafficking operation took place (2/27/07) when combined units of the FBI, DEA, the U.S. Attorney's Office and local law enforcement agencies arrested 34 people in and near our target area on charges of trafficking drugs, including heroin that authorities believe originated with the Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico. More than 100 federal, state and local agents and officers began arresting suspects in the trafficking ring. Authorities seized heroin, cocaine, \$35,000 in cash, 20 vehicles, and guns.
- They also seized a furniture store on Ferguson Road, two ice cream shops in an adjacent nexus community, as well as homes on Gross Road and St. Francis Road. The furniture shop and the homes on St. Francis were in our Graduated community and the home on Gross Road was in the *2-Points* community near our Safe Haven site (New Hope Lutheran). FRI *2-Points Weed & Seed* believes that this major collaborative effort was a direct result of tips and complaints from neighborhood crimewatch groups and demonstrates a significant accomplishment to stop drug trafficking in our *Weed & Seed* community.
- In yet another larger scale state-wide operation dubbed *Operation Puma*, (a DEA led operation 8/23/07) resulted in the seizure of 277 kilograms of cocaine, 900 pounds of marijuana, and nearly \$2.5 million in cash in and around the *2-Points* community and State of Texas. This 2½ year operation targeted both drug distribution cells and a money laundering network. While none of these arrests or seizures occurred directly in the *2-Points* community, DEA sources indicated that several happened in

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neighborhoods directly adjacent to our area and indicate that drugs were probably trafficked through our community.

JUVENILE PROBATION - We are continuing in our new enhanced partnership with the Dallas County Juvenile Probation. This effort remains active and is a major step forward in addressing juvenile crime in our neighborhood. FRI provides office space to the Juvenile Probation officers meeting with all youth under court ordered mandatory supervision in our target area.

- The number of probation officers has been increased from 2 to 3 and sometimes 4. Seventy-five to eighty juveniles report weekly to their probation officers at one of our target area faith-based Safe Haven partner.

ADULT PROBATION – Through the work of our initial VISTA volunteer, FRI has begun the development of a renewed relationship with Dallas County Adult Probation. FRI will provide in-service training to all probation officers working in the FRI corridor this fall (2008). Adult and Juvenile Probation have become active members of our Steering Committee and participants on our Law Enforcement sub-committee.

COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR – FRI has recently entered into discussions with the City of Dallas to provide a community prosecutor and code enforcement specialist to our target area. It is anticipated that we will receive a prosecutor in 2008. FRI is the only Weed & Seed community in Dallas without a prosecutor.

REENTRY - We have initiated a partnership with Potter's House Ministries (a large area faith-based organization headed by the nationally recognized Bishop T.D. Jakes), other *Weed & Seed* groups in the north Texas and AmeriCorp VISTA to development of a major ReEntry Initiative. A VISTA volunteer was recruited, and deployed in 2007 and another is about to start for 2008. As part of this initiative, FRI has increased our partnership with the local Dallas County Adult Probation Office.

VITA – We have just completed our third year as a collaborative partner with IRS. FRI volunteers from several local companies and individuals prepared over a 330 federal tax returns in 2008. Additionally, FRI has prepared a number of state tax returns in past years particularly with Katrina/Rita evacuees who had relocated to our area and needed assistance with Louisiana and Mississippi state returns. FRI/IRS VITA processed over \$300,000 in refunds in 2008, \$150,000 in 2007 and \$125,000 in 2006. This does not include special Economic Stimulus Package returns completed for area elderly and disabled residents.

NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE - Regular meetings are held with each of these agencies to strengthen our partnership and maintain an ongoing review of our strategies, community impact of our programs, targeted services and law enforcement delivery. We have enhanced our Steering Committee by adding several new, key members from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the DEA. A Law enforcement sub-committee has been established to coordinate law enforcement initiatives in our area and regularly scheduled meetings have included Dallas Police Department (Neighborhood Police Unit, Gang Unit, VICE Unit, Traffic, and Narcotics Unit), Dallas County Sheriff Office, Dallas County Constables Office Precinct # 3, Dallas ISD Police, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Dallas County Adult Probation & Parole and Juvenile Probation, A.T.F., D.E.A., Dallas City Marshall's Office and the U.S. Postal Police.

- We have begun to make strides towards a revitalized community during this reporting period. We are on target with our goals. We have better lines of communication between FRI, the City of Dallas, the DPD, and the DISD. Additional patrolling and special task forces are having an impact and they are

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reducing the number of some crimes in our *Weed & Seed* community. However, due to funding delays and receipt of 2008 continuation monies, extended patrols had to be temporarily suspended.

- FRI has also been in the forefront of a new strategy working with the DPD to continue high-profile law enforcement attention to our community now that *Weed & Seed* resources are no longer available to our Graduated Site and Continuation funds have been delayed. Operation Disruption is a special project that tracks crime trends daily and brings officers from around the city, the mobile command center and other special squad resources to attack problems before they can get out of hand. FRI, in partnership with DPD, presented a “break-out” session during the summer 2006 at USDOJ’s *Weed & Seed* Law Enforcement conference in Phoenix on Operation Disruption. DPD is using Operation Disruption, and where appropriate *Weed & Seed* dollars to have a greater impact in our target area.
- Because of spike in crime over the past six months, DPD has initiated a number of special on-duty and non-*Weed & Seed* OT initiatives in FRI 2-Points Community since March 15th. This is some of the results of the extra patrol activity:

Officers: 285; # Hours: 907; City Arrests: 284; Inv Arrests: 185; Felony in Act: 57; Citations: 2099; Apartment Walks: 47; Guns seized: 16; Drugs seized: 56; and Stolen cars recovered: 2.
- Because of our success in starting new crime watch groups, FRI has prepared *A Guide to Starting, Organizing & Maintaining Your Neighborhood CrimeWatch*. This useful publication is being adapted by the DPD, was published in English and Spanish and has been made available city-wide through the City of Dallas’ Crimewatch Executive Board. Private grant funds were identified to print 1,000 copies. This publication was featured in USDOJ’s InSite magazine in the fall and copies were sent nationwide to *Weed & Seed* communities across the country. FRI just recently presented our crime watch materials to a special international group visiting Dallas through the Dallas World Affairs Council. Many participants took copies of our bi-lingual crimewatch kit with them for possible implementation in Central America.

Additionally, FRI has assisted 10-12 other *Weed & Seed* communities from across the country after inquiries from our InSite article in providing support for their development of similar publications.

DEFY - FRI has also collaborated with its six sister *Weed & Seed communities* in north Texas. FRI sought and received a grant from the North Texas Crime Commission (NTCC) to fund Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) for 2008. This was particularly important as two of Dallas’ six *Weed & Seed* target areas have become “graduated” sites this year (including FRI’s original site), and our two new sites, (including 2-Points) have not yet received funding. With support from the NTCC, and an additional 5 other contributors our DEFY program has become sustained and is supporting all other *Weed & Seed* communities in North Texas. FRI raised nearly \$12,000. FRI supported 68 children at this year’s DEFY Phase One Camp in 2007 at the Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base in Ft. Worth. This will be the fourth year in a row that FRI has provided this support to all groups. FRI also received a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of \$6,900 in 2008 for DEFY 2008 and an additional contribution of \$5,000 from the NTCC.

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GRAFFITI PAINT OUT - Spring 2008 activities included a Graffiti Paint-Out initiative, in which over 100 volunteers, many of them high school students, spent their Saturday painting over nearly 100 different graffiti sites in partnership with the City of Dallas Streets Department, the Dallas City Council and area businesses. Additionally, FRI implemented our annual Spring Clean-up in March of this year, removing over 200 bags of litter (estimated to be over 500 pounds) from our city streets and parks. Our graffiti abatement effort was carried city-wide in May. An article about the FRI's graffiti and litter campaign appeared in In-Sites published in July, 2006. Another area wide initiative led by our Faith Outreach Task Force was held on November 3rd, 2007, and combined volunteers from 7 area churches painting over 50 graffiti sites. These sites will continue to be monitored and over painted if any graffiti reappears.

SKATE PARK OPENED - (Youth Recreation) - Summer 2007 FRI was instrumental in bringing Dallas' first Skate Park to the 2-Points Community. This \$265,000 investment (City of Dallas Bond money) was built and opened during this past year. This is an exciting accomplishment, and visitors came from many communities across Dallas and the country for the Grand Opening. FRI and the 2-Points Community have worked tirelessly for this new project for several years. FRI provided free hot dogs, cold drinks and other refreshments to the nearly 200 who attended this special event.

- Another accomplishment this year is the construction (now underway) of a special Sprayground in our community, representing another \$62,500 investment in recreational facilities for the 2-Points Community. A Sprayground is a children playground with water features.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - Spring 2007 also was an election period for Dallas city representatives. FRI hosted two candidate forums. One forum was for candidates running to represent the FRI community at the Dallas City Council and another for the position of Mayor. These events had a significant community turnout. Newly elected Dallas Mayor, Tom Leppert, also attended our May Steering Committee meeting and donated \$1,000 to help cover the cost of FRI's DEFY 2007 Camp. We're hoping he will continue that support for 2008.

SAFE HAVEN - We are in the process of developing new Safe Haven partnerships in 2-Points *Weed & Seed* target area. Area leaders have encouraged us to expand and include them as Safe Havens in the future; G. W. Truett and S. S. Conner Elementary Schools as they are located in very high crime areas and are potential sites, Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church is another potential site. FRI has developed MOU's with Conner and Shiloh Terrace. We have opened a Safe Haven in another faith-based organization, New Hope Lutheran Church (2835 Peavy Road).

- Over 200 children are participating in this Safe Haven's Camp Hope summer program kicked off June 23rd. VITA lab computers are being used jointly by children and their parents for literacy training.

FRI was also invited and participated as a part of a break out session at this year's Weed & Seed conference in Portland on the development of Safe Haven's and utilization of services to sustain other programs.

Primary emphasis of activities during this report period has been to address Law Enforcement issues.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

How many times has steering committee met this reporting period? FRI Steering Committee met twice during this report period.

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Please provide dates of meetings conducted during this reporting period:

January 14th, April 14th

Over 50-100 residents attend our Steering Committee meetings.

AWARD BALANCE

Budget Expenditures

April 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008

TOTAL

\$200,000

SUSTAINABILITY - FRI has just completed its second year of *Weed and Seed* funding. We believe that by the end of FY 2008 the majority of money presently earmarked for funding our proposed Safe Haven sites will come from non-*Weed and Seed* funds.

- FRI's DPD Law Enforcement partner is investing significant resources in our area at this time. Recent estimates indicate that their annual in-kind/matching contribution is nearly \$50,000/yr. Our Juvenile Probation department partnership is now providing three juvenile probation officers, at an estimated value of \$114,000. Our Texas Offender Reentry Initiative should focus additional adult parole and probation resource into our community during the coming year. Two AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer positions have been secured and one volunteer has completed a year of service and a second is about to begin during August 2008.
- FRI has just launched our annual membership campaign. Initial results have been promising. In our initial test neighborhood, to-date, 5% of homeowners have contributed an average of \$60. If this sample continues to our general mailing, we anticipate excellent results.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION & RESTORATION - FRI 2-Points Bond Committee Task Force members in partnership with FRI's Graduated site have been instrumental in getting the following projects on the City's recently held 2007 City of Dallas Bond program. All of these projects were approved by voters:

Proposition 1 (Street and Transportation) included street resurfacing for the 3300-3600 blocks of Dilido Road, between John West Road and Senate Street, and for the 8800-9000 blocks of Senate Street, between St. Francis Avenue and Dilido Road. Improving these streets is important to the businesses and apartment complexes in that area, and to the new H.W. Lang Middle School, which is currently under construction.

Proposition 2 (Flood Protection and Storm Drainage) included a new bridge over the South Fork of Ash Creek at Lakeland Road, to reduce flooding of several homes in the area. Also included in Proposition 2 is erosion control for 6 threatened residential properties on Springwater, Hunnicut, Ripplewood, Coolgreene, and Claremont. Protection against flooding and erosion will and has helped to stabilize our community and keep property values on an upswing. White Rock Hills has some of the most beautiful creeks in the city and preservation is essential to our long-term viability.

Proposition 3 (Park and Recreation Facilities) included funds for the design and construction of a recreation center for the White Rock Hills community, a place to provide healthy and positive outlets for energetic youth, social gatherings for seniors, neighborhood meeting facilities, and recreational and

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sports programs for everyone. This project, along with the library, can be a catalyst for economic development in our community, generating new businesses, new jobs, and new homes. Proposition 3 also includes a parking lot, connecting walkways, and a new pavilion in Lakeland Hills Park. Residents in the Lakeland Hills Park area have worked hard and long to develop a master plan for the park, and this bond package turns much of this concept into reality, creating a more usable and versatile park. Creation of a recreation center for our community has been a dream of our community for many years. Funds for the purchase of land were included in our last bond election.

Proposition 4 (Library Facilities) provides funds for design, construction and books for an 18,000 sq. ft. branch library in our library service area. A new library can bring a world of knowledge to our doorstep and, like the recreation center, can encourage new growth. White Rock Hills is not presently served by a library and with the move of the library from Casa View there will be no library accessible to our neighborhood. It is now anticipated that this library will be located in the 2-Points community. The city is presently evaluating several sites.

EVALUATION

External Program Evaluation: LeTourneau University completed an external program evaluation of our services during this period and an extensive report was provided to stakeholders. The complete overview for 2006 was completed and provided to USDOJ and all stakeholders via our website.

Internal Financial Oversight: Our annual audited Financial Statement has been completed by an independent accounting firm and will be made available as needed and appropriate for review. Due to receipt of a limited number of Federal funds (generally only around \$200,000), FRI has been exempt from the A-122 audit requirements. However, a complete copy of our audit has been provided to our program manager.

BENCHMARKS

FRI 2-Points has met or exceeded all Second Year Benchmarks. FRI is now working on Year Three Benchmarks.

STRATEGIC PLAN

LAW ENFORCEMENT (Stop drug trafficking)

Goal 1.0 Increase community awareness and collaborative partnerships to address drug trafficking and drug abuse.

- Status: Work is underway:
 - The chart represents a violent crime comparison from 2000 through 2007 and includes drug arrests.

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Crime Indicator	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	4	6	1	5	3	3	1	4
Rape	12	17	16	10	14	17	11	8
Agg Asslt	172	235	170	165	143	161	138	126
Indiv Rob	134	154	150	146	120	117	117	172
Bus Rob	27	28	24	14	18	13	12	19
Total from above	349	440	361	340	298	311	279	329
Drug Arrests	132	157	139	97	84	191	185	143
Total All	481	597	500	437	382	502	464	472

- Part of our collaborative partnership effort is to increase the number of calls regarding drug locations via 911 from 44 to over 100. Also, DPD offers other channels to report drug locations such as drug complaint forms that can be sent by mail, fax, and email or filled out on the Northeast Division or FRI Website. One of the 2008 goals is to actively encourage increased reporting of drug locations and then tracking the number of these complaints to be included in a monthly tracking report.
- Objective: Form a multi-agency task force (law enforcement sub-committee) to address drug trafficking and drug abuse in the *2-Points* community.
- Status: Operational meetings are now being held quarterly:
 - A first meeting was held January 15, 2008 for the Law Enforcement Sub-committee and have continued quarterly.
 - The Law Enforcement sub-committee will include: US Department of Justice, Dallas Police Department (Neighborhood Police Unit, Gang Unit, VICE Unit, Traffic, and Narcotics Unit), Dallas County Sheriff Office, Dallas County Constables Office Precinct # 3, DISD Police, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (D.A.R.T), Dallas County Adult Probation & Parole and Juvenile Probation, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm (A.T.F.), Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.), Dallas City Marshall's Office and the U.S. Postal Police.
 - Establish a process for better open lines of communications between all members of the law enforcement sub-committee.
- Other joint operations:
 - DPD NE along with representatives from the Investigation Services Company (Movie and Recording Industry) raided two locations and seized counterfeit CDs, DVDs, and Shoes. There was an arrest for Unlawful Carry of a Firearm and charges filed for labeling.
 - DPD NE and the VICE Unit conducted 3 reverse stings in the 2-points area and made 17 arrests for prostitution.
 - DPD NE assisted the City of Dallas Attorneys Office in filing a Chapter 54 civil law suit against the Buckner Park Apartments at 2777 N Buckner Blvd.
 - DPD NE and Tactical Unit along with Conner Elementary put on a Drug and Gang Awareness Program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT (Reduce burglaries: residential/business/auto)

Goal 2.0 Develop strategies to address primary causes of burglaries in residential/ business/auto settings.

- This chart represents Part 1 offenses 2007 vs 2006

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	2007	2006	%
Murder	4	1	300.00%
Rape	8	12	-33.33%
Individual Robbery	172	131	31.30%
Business Robbery	19	12	58.33%
Agg Assault	126	149	-15.44%
Total Violent	329	305	7.87%
Residential Burglary	375	311	20.58%
Business Burglary	101	101	0.00%
BMV	328	295	11.19%
Theft	246	278	-11.51%
Auto Theft	211	268	-21.27%
Total Non-violent	1261	1253	0.64%
TOTAL Violent	329	305	7.87%
TOTAL Non-Violent	1261	1253	0.64%
Total	1590	1558	2.05%

- Status:

- Efforts such as HEAT and Lock, Take, and Hide have contributed to the decrease in auto theft and will continue to be a very publicized at all community meetings. DPD NE and FRI will begin to track the number of new participants in the HEAT program and encourage neighborhood groups and apartments to have HEAT registration events or fairs. We will also promote in accordance to Chapter 31 of the Dallas City Code Lock, Take, and Hide.
- As the chart above indicates all burglaries accounted for over 50% of all crime in 2007. The burglaries in 2007 vs. 2006 showed a 13.7 % increase.
 - In a stunning success in recent weeks, DPD undercover units acting calls of “suspicious” individual calls from Crime Watch groups in our target area have arrested two significant burglary crews that cleared over 135 cases.
- In an effort to continue addressing burglaries, residential security has become a top priority. DPD NE is tracking the number of Home Security and Insurance Reduction Surveys completed monthly. This program is free and publicized at all community meetings and on the DPD NE and FRI websites. The DPD NE website actually has the security survey form ready to be downloaded from the Residential Security Manual. The manual covers most aspects of residential security.
- CPTED – FRI has requested technical assistance from USDOJ – CCDO to bring a CPTED conference and training to Dallas targeting homeowners. CPTED training will be provided to our community in December of 2008. Planning is underway.
- Despite improvements of crime data throughout 2007, the 2-Points Community has begun to experience a significant increase in crime throughout the initial months of 2008. This has been generally associated with the downturn in the economy which has a significant impact in our area:

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1. Crime Statistics for 2-Points site, by Reporting Area

Reporting Area	May-08	Apr-08	% Change	May-08	May-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
1177	35	30	16.67%	35	32	9.38%	165	140	17.86%
1178	10	12	-16.67%	10	10	0.00%	48	40	20.00%
1179	11	2	450.00%	11	7	57.14%	38	27	40.74%
1180	35	37	-5.41%	35	26	34.62%	181	163	11.04%
1202	17	23	-26.09%	17	17	0.00%	90	86	4.65%
1203	20	19	5.26%	20	19	5.26%	88	64	37.50%
4624	16	15	6.67%	16	6	166.67%	55	31	77.42%
Total	144	138	4.35%	144	117	23.08%	665	551	20.69%

2. Crime Statistics by Part 1 Offense Category for 2-Points site

UCR Category	May-08	Apr-08	% Change	May-08	May-07	% Change	YTD 08	YTD 07	% Change
Murder	1	0	100.00%	1	0	100.00%	1	1	0.00%
Rape	2	2	0.00%	2	1	100.00%	8	5	60.00%
Agg Assault	13	10	30.00%	13	8	62.50%	45	57	-21.05%
Robbery									
Business	2	1	100.00%	2	0	200.00%	5	11	-54.55%
Individual	15	8	87.50%	15	9	66.67%	74	43	72.09%
Total Violent	33	21	57.14%	33	18	83.33%	133	117	13.68%
Burglary									
Business	7	16	-56.25%	7	10	-30.00%	43	30	43.33%
Residential	44	38	15.79%	44	31	41.94%	179	139	28.78%
Theft									
Shoplift	4	2	100.00%	4	3	33.33%	16	9	77.78%
BMV	15	21	-28.57%	15	21	-28.57%	124	99	25.25%
Other Theft	19	25	-24.00%	19	18	5.56%	77	76	1.32%
UUMV	22	15	46.67%	22	16	37.50%	93	81	14.81%
Total Non-Violent	111	117	-5.13%	111	99	12.12%	532	434	22.58%
Total	144	138	4.35%	144	117	23.08%	665	551	20.69%

- Because of spike in crime over the past six months, DPD has initiated a number of special on-duty and non-Weed & Seed OT initiatives in FRI 2-Points Community since March 15th. These is some of the outcomes of the extra patrol activity:

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LAW ENFORCEMENT (Renew sense of community safety)

GOAL 3.0: Foster a renewed sense of community safety by increasing visibility of uniformed officers around schools using both bicycle officers and marked patrol cars.

• **Status**

- DPD NE assisted FRI in their annual Faith-Community Graffiti Wipe Out event in November.
- Charts below represent activities generated from overtime DPD officers from July 1 through May 31, 2008. DPD began capturing and reporting data differently after the first of the year, so there are some differences between the two charts.

CATEGORY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
CALLS FOR SERVICE	0	13	18	35	19	43	128
FELONY ARREST	0	1	1	0	3	3	8
INVESTIGATIVE ARREST	0	3	2	3	7	3	18
CITY ARREST	0	25	39	15	16	13	108
HAZARDOUS CITATIONS	0	2	2	4	6	7	21
REGULATORY CITATIONS	0	44	85	84	100	138	451
PARKING CITATIONS	0	1	2	3	1	0	7
TRAFFIC STOPS	0	73	114	61	66	100	414
RECOVERED VEHICLES	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
OFFENSES CLEARED	0	2	1	0	2	3	8
GUNS RECOVERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS RECOVERED	0	1	1	1	2	3	8
TRUANCY ARRESTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	YTD
911 Calls Answered	37	36	74	43	0	153
Total Arrests	18	33	28	26	0	87
Investigative Arrests	0	6	3	3	0	12
Felony Arrests	0	1	2	4	0	7
Assist on Arrest	6	8	7	6	0	21
Haz Citations	14	14	6	7	0	27
Reg Citations	115	130	106	54	0	290
Offense Crd	3	2	4	1	0	7
Guns	0	1	0	1	0	2
Accidents	2	3	8	3	0	14
Drugs	2	0	3	2	0	5
Rcrd Stolen	0	0	1	2	0	3

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Meeting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Intel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solic- Pan handler	0	0	15	6	0	21
Park Markout	0	2	2	0	0	4
Pky Citations	1	0	1	1	0	2
Traffic Stops	152	150	151	83	0	384
Truant	0	2	2	0	0	4
Citizen Contact	3	4	20	0	0	24

- Dallas Police Department matching contributions for the period July 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 were about \$50,000.00
- The DPD NE now has increased the number of Neighborhood Police Officers (formerly Interactive Community Police Officers) assigned to the 220 Sector from one to two.
- Additionally, FRI will be developing a on-line survey through a program such as Survey Monkey to better gauge community satisfaction with Weed & Seed programs and their sense of safety. This will be launched in the fall.

COMMUNITY POLICING (Enhance resident involvement in crime prevention)

Goal 1.0 Develop, implement and enhance resident-involved crime prevention programs in an effort to take a preventive approach in reducing crime and drug use.

- Build positive relationships and promote communication between Law Enforcement, the FRI CPS, and the “at risk” youth in the key identified areas inside the *2-Points* target area.
- Status:
 - One new crime watch group in target area was established.
 - FRI Steering Committee had a big Block Party for National Night Out. U.S. Attorney Richard Roper was our guest speaker. Party was a combined event of all of our neighborhood crime watch partners with the intent of attracting new members to each group. It is estimated that between 200-300 people attended this function.
 - One of the goals and objectives for 2008 is to have an active Crime Watch group in every area in the 2-Points Weed & Seed and increase the number of active participants in existing groups. DPD NE and FRI will also promote and increase the number of Volunteers in Patrol. Both of these goals will be tracked and included in a monthly report.

Goal 2.0 Develop initiatives utilizing residents to assist DPD in addressing criminal activities.

- Status:
 - DPD NE and FRI are actively training residents to recognize suspicious activity and report this activity to 911.

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- DPD NE conducted six monthly apartment managers meetings in the 2-points area. This group called SCRAM and is required to attend meeting a least 3 times per year under the Dallas City Code, Chapter 27 ordinance.
- DPD NE is also encouraging Apartments to hold monthly tenant meetings.
- DEFY has been implemented and is being aggressively pursued. FRI has developed external/non-federal funding to cover cost of DEFY and provided resources to all seven (7) North Texas *Weed & Seed* communities.
- FRI has now developed an email blast alert to our community crime watch leaders to engage them in special efforts.
- FRI also produces and distributed through an email blast to about 1200 stakeholders, quarterly, news and activities happening within our community, including recruitment information for crime watch and other volunteer programs such as VIP, CERT and CHIPS.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT (Provide alcohol and drug prevention services and education)

Goal 1.0 Help address long-term drug abuse issues by fostering increased community involvement in seeking solutions and providing alternatives.

- **Status:**
 - An inventory of existing services has been completed.
 - FRI is working to develop a local collaborative venture between all service providers in the area. Organizational meetings have been held and group is developing a plan of action.
 - Needs assessments are being prepared and distributed through *2-Points* community. Every elementary school child has taken a copy home and representatives have discussed at PTA meetings.
 - A proposal was developed and submitted to ONDCP for a Drug Free Community Support Grant Original grant. It was turned down for 2006. FRI has not yet decided whether to re-apply for funding in 2008.
 - FRI has added a member of the Greater Dallas Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission to our Steering Committee and is active in locally implemented initiatives to reduce drug and alcohol abuse amongst teenagers in our target area.
 - As part of FRI's annual BaylesFest (Health & Safety Fair) FRI volunteers distributed anti-drug literature, using DEFY students in our booth, to over 1200 participants.
 - FRI with its partners, using resources provided through our partnership with PSN – Anti-Gang held a parents conference in February to educate families about recognizing and dealing with gangs and drug abuse in our neighborhoods. Fifty-seven families participated. Also as part of this coalition, FRI works weekly with law enforcement officials working to prevent gangs in our area.
 - FRI is working with community leaders for a Back to School Bash to be held in August, 2008 to further distribute anti-drug and anti-gang materials.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT (Establish Safe Haven sites)

Goal 2.0 Increase opportunities for youth and their parents to improve the quality of their lives by fostering educational, health, and social services in the *2-Points* community.

- **Status:**
 - Needs assessment has been developed and is being circulated to all families within targeted schools.

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- FRI has developed a Safe Haven relationships with a local faith-based organizations (Lutheran Innercity Network Coalition (Project UNC), and is working with other schools and other nonprofit groups to identify a second site.
- FRI has established a Safe Haven with one group covering the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) initiative. We are exploring other possible relationships with group.
- Work is underway to identify additional Safe Haven sites. One site has been opened offering VITA services and is providing space to house Juvenile Probation officers assigned to our area.
- Another faith-based organization was utilized for office space for our Juvenile Probation initiative. This may be expanded to other services in future, pending completion of needs assessments.
- D.E.F.Y. has been implemented. Non-federal funds were developed, not only covering *2-Points* community but all seven (7) *Weed & Seed* sites in Dallas/Ft. Worth.
- FRI is working to develop an Individual Development Account (IDA) program as part of the national demonstration project initiative. This project will include financial literacy training.
 - FRI has been invited to present the development of this project to the Dallas CDC consortium as a possible city-wide project for the coming year.
- FRI has partnered with one of our Safe Haven's to offer Camp Hope to 60 children this summer for an 8 week summer "life skills" training experience. See below for more details.
- A new youth "community garden" project is being launched at S.S. Conner Elementary to promote healthy living and educational as well as recreational activities for young people.
- FRI anticipates opening a new Safe Haven at an additional faith-based organization in the fall targeting the Hispanic community.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT (Increase educational programs for children and youth in target area in traditional and non-traditional settings)

Goal 3.0 Identify, foster and encourage opportunities for residents to improve their educational skills.

• **Status:**

- FRI developed a new partner who began offering GED and ESL classes, January 2007. Services have been implemented in our "graduated" site and will, if supported by our needs assessment, be expanded to the *2-Points* community in the fall of 2008.
- Needs Assessment is completed and is being analyzed. A technology training (Kids Club) has been implemented at VITA computer lab in off season, ESL, Summer Camp and youth mentoring are also being offered at this location.
 - A second site has been developed in partnership with the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church. An MOU is being developed and donated computers will be provided to open a second program this fall (2008).
- FRI has partnered with the UNC to expand and improve their facilities. This is the second summer of Camp Hope designed to provide 8 weeks of meaningful, hands on life skills training for children in East Dallas. Camp Hope has targeted low-income students with few (if any other) camp options. FRI was instrumental in getting a \$5,000 donation to the camp to help cover the cost of hiring students from area high schools as mentors. A little over 60 children are participating in this year's camp which started July 5th. Over 200 children are being served through all efforts at this facility.

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- S.S. Conner's Youth Community garden mentioned above will provide educational opportunities to young people in a non-traditional setting.
- A second Safe Haven is due to be opened with another faith-based organization during the summer of 2008, including Kids Club, After-School Homework Help, ESL and other services targeting parents.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT (Develop truancy alternative and diversionary programs)

Goal 4.0 Develop, foster and encourage the development of a truancy initiative alternative program(s) that will result in more students staying and succeeding in school.

- **Status:**

- Area wide multi-jurisdictional truancy enforcement initiative is underway. A truancy data tracking system has been developed to allow better information to measure outcomes. Diversionary programs have not yet been implemented.
- Talks are underway to discuss development of a Community Prosecutor for target area.
- A coalition between LINC, FRI 2-Points and PSN Gang initiatives are working to establish a youth mentorship initiative.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT (Develop mentorship program utilizing college students and children in targeted community, through organized activities)

Goal 5.0 Develop, foster and encourage the development of mentorship as a strategy to improve the educational opportunities for children.

- **Status:**

- See PIT Goal 3, Objective 2. High school students were recruited to work with Camp Hope.
- Students are presently being recruited to work in our VITA center.
- Pending completion of needs assessment.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION (Increase economic opportunities, growth and new jobs in 2-Points community)

Goal 1.0 Increase economic development in the target community over 5 years, including creation of 100 new jobs and \$30,000,000 in new economic development in target area.

- **Status:**

- VITA services implemented and in third year of implementation.
- IDA program under development pending identification of funding sources.
- FRI's Bond and Community investment activities have resulted in over \$19 million for much needed infrastructure projects in this fall's bond election. These include the building of a community center, park improvements, a library, bridge & road improvements and erosion control.
- Discussions with City Council persons are underway. The City's economic development office has funded the printing of our Crimewatch Tool Kit.
- City of Dallas has agreed in principal to undertake an Urban Design Land Use study of the Buckner/Peavy neighborhood. FRI has been instrumental in getting this agreement. Study will cost about \$2m and City is looking for funds to cover.
- Because of improve community appearance and increased safety, the Texas Barber College has begun renovation of one of our vacant strip malls and will begin to offer classes in the fall.

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION (Develop labor force to fill new jobs being created)

Goal 2.0 Establish job skills training and placement program in target area.

- **Status:**

- The Texas Workforce Development Office has recently opened an office and training center in the 2-Points Community. FRI is inviting the Office Manager to join the Steering Committee.
- FRI is exploring ways this may affect special populations such as ex-offenders.
- FRI has opened lines of communications with Dallas Christian Women's Job Corp who have begun training operations in our area. Training includes
 - Computer skills
 - Job readiness
 - Money management
 - Resume writing and interviewing
 - Personal development and
 - Interpersonal relationships.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION (Restore and Beautify 2-Points community)

Goal 3.0 Eliminate blighted areas and reduce code violations that will encourage long-term financial and economic investment in the target area, as well as stabilizing the neighborhood and enhancing community pride.

- **Status:**

- Annual litter clean-up and graffiti abatement days were established during OR, prior to funding. Spring Cleanup is scheduled for this spring.
- As part of FRI's proposal to the City for a community prosecutor, FRI is seeking a part-time code enforcement specialists assigned to the same office.
- FRI – 2-Points was instrumental in obtaining funding from the City to build a walking track around one of our key, centrally located parks, and the development and building of Dallas' first ever Skate Park for roller-blade and skate boards. This \$260,000 investment was a major accomplishment and will open for children this summer (2007). Also, mentioned earlier, the City is presently constructing and will soon open a Sprayground for children in our area. A Sprayground is a children's playground with water features and represents about a \$63,000 additional investment.
- See NR Goal 1 for planned Urban Land Use study being planned to establish goals and objectives for community.

Special Emphasis Initiative

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

It is a perception within neighborhood associations, the law enforcement community and federal and state agencies that "re-offending" returned felons on parole and probation are one of the primary causes of crime within our target area. One recent estimate by law enforcement, probation and parole officers indicated that it is believed that as high as 80% of all crimes in our area are being committed by returning ex-offenders. When discussing the implementation of a ReEntry Initiative with our *Weed & Seed* Steering Committee

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community “grassroots” representatives only wanted to discuss how we can identify ex-offenders in our neighborhoods and encourage them to move somewhere else.

The purpose of this Special Emphasis Initiative is to determine validity of neighborhood and law enforcement perceptions and, if true, develop strategies and initiatives, consistent with our *Weed & Seed* Strategy to address concerns, reduce recidivism rates in our community and continue to transform our community into a “safe, beautiful, prosperous and proud community...”

An initial review of our area reveals that there are over 1,200+ individuals under mandatory adult parole/probation supervision by the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) and Dallas County Adult Probation (DCAP) in our *Weed & Seed* target area. Additionally there are 75-100 youth offenders reporting to juvenile probation officers working within the FRI umbrella.

FRI proposed as part of an area-wide *Weed & Seed* initiative in partnership with Potter’s House Ministries and the USAO a collaborative venture including AmeriCorp VISTA members to conduct research and develop a strategic plan for a prisoner re-entry project.

The purpose of this Special Emphasis Initiative is to coordinate services with existing *Weed & Seed* activities.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS – ReEntry Initiative

Goal 1.0 Reduce recidivism rates of ex-offenders returning to the *2-Points* Weed & Seed target area.

- **Status:** An AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer was recruited in 2007 and worked to implement a plan in partnership with seven other *Weed & Seed*, PSN and Gang Initiative communities. She has since completed service and will be replaced with a new volunteer who has been recruited and will go into training in August 2008 and be on the job in the fall of 2008.
- Objective: Develop a Re-Entry Initiative meeting community expectations and direction provided through Steering Committee.
 - Plan is under development and preliminary report is due to Steering Committee in near future.
- Task(s) Identify the number of ex-offenders on probation and parole in the FRI and *2-Points* areas and their past offenses or reason that they are on probation/parole.
 - Completed.
- Identify the percent of ex-offenders on probation and parole that recidivate and a approximate time frame that they re-offend upon release.
 - Focusing data down to our target area has proven difficult. Data has been received and is being analyzed. A report is being prepared.
- Identify the type of violations/crimes the probationer or parolee commit (i.e. probation/parole violation or crime).
 - Report has being prepared by Dallas County Adult Probation and is being analyzed.
- Develop a database to store information and to be able to create reports.
 - Under development.
- Identify the current resources available for the offender through probation/parole (Day Resource Center - Project Rio, GED classes) and social services (Greater Dallas Blue Book).
 - Preliminary resource directory has been completed.
- Conduct an evaluation on the current resources and programs available.
 - Under development.

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- Identify the probation and parole officers that supervise offenders in the FRI/*2-Points* area and their contact information.
 - Completed.
- Research best type of focus group to conduct and coordinate location, date, invitations, necessary equipment.
 - No progress to date. Development of City/County-wide Reentry Council is underway spearheaded by the Office of the U.S. Attorney, the Dallas County District Attorney, Chief of Police and other entities and individuals.
- Facilitate focus group with parole and probation officers to determine their perception of the problems that lead to recidivating and their opinion of possible solutions, the programs that they think will assist the offenders to reintegrate and become productive members of society.
 - A strategy to develop focus groups is underway in partnership with the University of North Texas (Dallas Campus). A graduate student has been assigned to work with FRI to develop.
 - FRI staff and VISTA is preparing a Weed & Seed briefing for Probation Officers for the fall of 2008. All sites are being encouraged to participate.
- Analyze focus group information and determine what types of programs will assist the offenders and reduce recidivism.
 - Pending completion of item above.
- Conduct a "best practices research" on national programs in other communities.
 - Pending completion of two items above. Some research has been completed, but not targeted because of lack of completed data.
- Devise plan to implement the 2nd and 3rd phases of the prisoner re-entry program.
 - Pending.
- Develop a community resource book of the services in the FRI and *2-Points* areas.
- Implementation Plan; Responsibility:
- Start/Completion Dates: Recruit, train an AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer by January 2007.
 - Completed.
 - A new volunteer has been completed and scheduled to start work in August 2008.
- Undertake work in partnership with stakeholders with goal of completing plan development by January 2008.
 - Underway. See below.
- Outcomes Measure(s) Recidivism rates of ex-offenders returning to *2-Points* community begins to turn around and shows improvement against local and state rates.
 - Focusing down recidivism rates for our area has proven difficult. Data for Dallas County Probation has been collected and is being analyzed.

A preliminary study report is anticipated shortly and will be included in the second half of the year. FRI is working with other agencies, governmental units and organizations, including faith-communities to establish a possible City/County-wide Reentry Council. More will be provided on this later.

FRI has a handle on the number of juvenile/adults under mandatory supervision (probation and parole) in our target area, including offenses.