



Press Information

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ASC Aids Cranston Neighborhood to Enforce Standards of Behavior

Cranston: This summer the Alliance for Safe Communities has assisted the Dyer Avenue neighborhood, near River Bend, with a slow motion civics lesson. In June one local resident's longtime bad behavior resulted in a public nuisance that brought a request for police action. The neighborhood turned to the Cranston PD for immediate help and then to ASC-RI for support with what followed.

"The incident in June was aggravated by the many prior instances of bad behavior leading up to it, all of which went unreported." Said Carolyn Medeiros, Executive Director of the Alliance. "The call to police was in many ways a Last-Straw reaction to the many irritations this one person had inflicted on his neighbors."

Following the arrest of the offender the community was presented with a second problem. Many of its residents were unfamiliar with the court procedure that comes next, some were intimidated by the thought of participating in it, or they were unable to be present for it due to work or family obligations. Everyone knew that if they didn't follow up, however, their disrespectful neighbor would simply be released to return and pick up where he left off.

The Answer was the Alliance for Safe Communities.

"A number of the residents of this Cranston Neighborhood asked for my help in following the case to its conclusion." Medeiros continued. In fact, on behalf of the affected residents the Alliance attended each of the defendant's court appearances. Using her network connections as well as her understanding of the process Carolyn Medeiros was able to alert complainants as to when they would be needed and to advise police and court officials of the interest that was really being taken in this matter by the Community.

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The court found the Defendant guilty. His parole from a prior conviction was revoked, and a court order was put in place to restrain him from reoffending on Dyer Avenue.

The real result, though, was that with the help of ASC-RI one local Community was able to use the system of government as it was intended, to reinforce standards of local behavior.

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