

SENIOR CITIZEN
CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

The Crime Prevention Unit of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning is funded by LEAA to provide public education and technical assistance to the agencies and citizens of Jacksonville in the development of community crime prevention efforts. The local community is comprised of many segments with varying crime prevention needs and resources. One of these segments, senior citizens, requires special attention when developing crime prevention programming.

In order to develop an effective crime prevention program for senior citizens in Jacksonville, it first is necessary to determine their level of awareness regarding prevention, their patterns of victimization and their fears. A survey questionnaire was developed to ascertain this information.

During the latter months of 1976, the Crime Prevention Unit conducted the survey among Jacksonville senior citizens. The surveys were administered throughout the community at the various sites where senior citizens customarily meet. Five (5) senior citizen group meetings, five (5) nutritional centers, one (1) housing project, and three (3) senior citizen high-rise apartment buildings were included. The total number of surveys completed was 667. However, seven of these were discarded since the senior citizens in question were not Jacksonville residents. The actual number of surveys included for purposes of the study was 660.

A similar study to the one mentioned above was completed by the Crime Prevention Unit in August of 1976. This study did not concern itself with any particular group within the community, but surveyed a cross section of Jacksonville residents. This survey provides a basis of comparison for the answers given by the senior citizens.

On the basis of the information derived from the two surveys mentioned above, it was noted that there are some significant differences in the way that senior

citizens view the threat of crime in our community. Some of the most significant findings relating to crime prevention and senior citizens are listed below:

1. Senior citizens exhibit a much higher fear of walking alone in their neighborhoods at night (72% as apposed to 34.2% in the general survey).
2. The older persons surveyed did not necessarily feel more afraid while in their homes at night than other persons surveyed.
3. Of the senior citizens surveyed, approximately 10% had been victims of crime during the last two years.
4. Of the senior citizens who reported being victimized 35% were victims of burglary, 31% were victims of robbery, and 19% were victims of larceny.
5. Senior citizens fear robbery far more than any other crime.
6. Twenty-two percent of the senior citizens surveyed stated that they do nothing special to prevent a crime from happening to them.
7. Those senior citizens who take precaution against crime tend to stay home or keep doors and windows locked as preventive measures.
8. The senior citizens surveyed saw the need for more police officers and more severe punishment for criminals as priorities for preventing crime.
9. Senior citizens over 70 years of age reported being victimized more than any other age groups of senior citizens.
10. Persons living in high-rise apartments were not more often victimized than those living in private homes or apartments, however when victimized it was most often by robbery.
11. Of those senior citizens who reported having been victimized by burglary or larceny, the largest percentage (73% and .67% respectively) lived in private homes.
12. Ex-robbery and mugging victims exhibited a much higher fear of walking alone in their neighborhoods at night (95% were afraid) then others surveyed.
13. Ex-robbery and mugging victims exhibited the highest level of fear inside their homes at night (50% were afraid compared with 16% for the senior citizens as a group).

The information above will be further elaborated upon in later sections of this report. However, these statements represent the basic findings of the senior citizen survey.

The Crime Prevention Unit will be able to use this information to tailor educational materials and presentations to the needs of local senior citizens in the future.

Current efforts at educating senior citizens in Jacksonville regarding crime prevention are covering a broad range of topics. On the basis of the information derived from the survey, it would seem that local senior citizens are victimized by and most concerned about a relatively narrow group of crimes.

The alternatives which have been listed by the senior citizens as means for preventing crime do not take into account, by and large, their role in this important effort. The Crime Prevention Unit will work in the future to develop a program for involvement of senior citizens in the crime prevention effort.

Presentations will be made to the senior citizen groups who provided information for this survey in order to inform them concerning the outcome of the efforts. The unit would like to express its thanks to the many groups who provided their time and effort to help out. This information will also be provided to the administrative agencies and groups within the city which deal with the problems of the aging in order that they might utilize it in their future planning.

SUMMARY - SENIOR CITIZEN CRIME SURVEY

As might be expected in a senior citizen survey, the large majority of respondents (73%) were female. Racial representation was approximately proportionate to that of the City as a whole. The ages of the senior citizens responding ranged from 53-96 years.

The persons surveyed represented a relatively broad cross section of the community in terms of their place of residence. Due to the location of some senior citizen meetings, larger numbers of respondents were gathered in certain areas of the City. For instance, zip code area 32207 (San Marco - Southside) and 32209 (Carver) are highly represented. (See Zip Code Map following for more detail). Over half of the respondents lived in private residences, 31% lived in high-rise apartments and smaller percentages lived in trailers or apartment complexes.

The majority of senior citizens who answered the survey (52%) stated that they live alone and the largest single source of income for these citizens is social security.

When asked whether they are afraid to walk alone in their neighborhood at night, 72% of the senior citizens said "yes." This is quite a contrast with the 34% of the general population who answered this question affirmatively in the August survey. Obviously, senior citizens have a much greater fear of victimization outside of their homes. An interesting contrast is apparent in the fact that only 16% of the senior citizens did not feel safe inside their homes at night. This compares with 14% of the respondents among the general citizenry.

Approximately 10% of the senior citizens responding revealed that they had been victims of crime within the last two years. Of those victimized, 35% were victims of burglary, 31% were robbery victims, 19% were larceny victims, and 3% were victims of multiple crimes. (See Detailed Victimization Summary attached). Although these senior citizens were most often victimized by burglary, they expressed the greatest fear of the crime of robbery, probably because of the fear of violence which accompanies it.

The fear of senior citizens related to the crime of robbery* may be put into clearer perspective when compared with the fears expressed by Jacksonville citizens in general relating to the crime. Only 18% of the persons responding in August rated robbery as one of the crimes people fear most while 49% of the senior citizens rated robbery as such. Sixteen percent (16%) of the senior citizens surveyed rated mugging as one of the most feared crimes while only 1.1% of those citizens surveyed in August rated this as number one. Of those senior citizens who had been victims of crimes during the last two years, 73% rated robbery or mugging as one of the most feared crimes.

In response to a question concerning precautions taken to prevent crime, 24% of the senior citizens responding said that they keep their doors and windows locked. Twenty percent (20%) of the respondents said that they do not go out alone at night. The survey has already shown that senior citizens have a disproportionately high fear of violence on their neighborhood street but feel relatively safe within their homes. Another indication of the fear of elderly persons is pointed out by the fact that 30% of those who had been victims said that they keep their doors and windows locked. Twenty-four percent (24%) of these persons said that they either did not go out at all or did not go out alone. However, 22% of those responding said that they did not do anything special to prevent a crime from happening to them.

Senior citizens were asked what one thing they felt should be done to reduce crime in Jacksonville. Of those responding, 49% felt that we should have more police and 36% felt that punishment for criminal activity should be more severe. They felt that their role in crime prevention should be to "Be Alert", "Keep Doors Locked", and "Report Crimes".

* Figures for robbery also include some pursesnatches.

SENIOR CITIZEN CRIME SURVEY

Total: 660 Surveys

1. Sex: Male 170 (27%)
 Female $\frac{466}{*636}$ $\frac{(73\%)}{100\%}$

2. Age Range: 53-96 - 636 (100%)

3. Race: White 451 (71%)
 Black 185 (29%)
 Other $\frac{1}{637}$ $\frac{100\%}{100\%}$

4. Zip Codes:

32201	5		32211	19	(3%)
32202	56	(9%)	32216	12	(2%)
32204	43	(7%)	32217	17	(3%)
32205	74	(11%)	32218	1	
32206	26	(4%)	32223	2	
32207	155	(23%)	32224	1	
32208	21	(3%)	32233	17	(3%)
32209	135	(20%)	32250	45	(7%)
32210	31	(5%)			

N=660

5. Type of Residence:

Private Home	331	(53%)	**Apartment Complex	62	(10%)
High-rise Building	199	(31%)	Trailer	16	(3%)
Other	15	(3%)			

6. Living Arrangements:

Live Alone	292	(52%)	With One Person or More	265	(48%) N=557
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* Does not add up to 660 since some respondents did not answer all questions.

** Includes residents of housing projects.

7. Source of Income:

**Social Security	473	(74%)
S.S.I.	93	(14%)
Private Savings	88	(14%)
Pension	194	(31%)
Investments	58	(9%)
From Family	9	(1%)
Paying Job	64	(10%)
Other	8	(2%)

8. Are You Afraid To Walk In Your Neighborhood Alone At Night?

Yes 458 (72%)

No $\frac{174}{632}$ $\frac{(28\%)}{100\%}$

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes 531 (84%)

No $\frac{99}{630}$ $\frac{(16\%)}{100\%}$

10. Have You Been A Victim Of A Crime In The Last Two Years?

Yes 67 (10%)

No $\frac{570}{637}$ $\frac{(89\%)}{100\%}$

What Crime Was It?

B & E Burglary	23	(35%)
Larceny	12	(19%)
Robbery	20	(31%)
Multiple Crimes	2	(3%)
Miscellaneous Crimes	3	(5%)
Unknown	<u>5</u>	<u>(7%)</u>
Total	65	100%

** Does not add up to 100% since some respondents receive money from more than one source.

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery	297	(49%)
Burglary	61	(10%)
Murder	24	(4%)
Rape	35	(6%)
Assault	42	(7%)
Mugging	99	(16%)
Larceny	4	(1%)
Other	48	(8%)
	<u>610</u>	<u>100%</u>

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

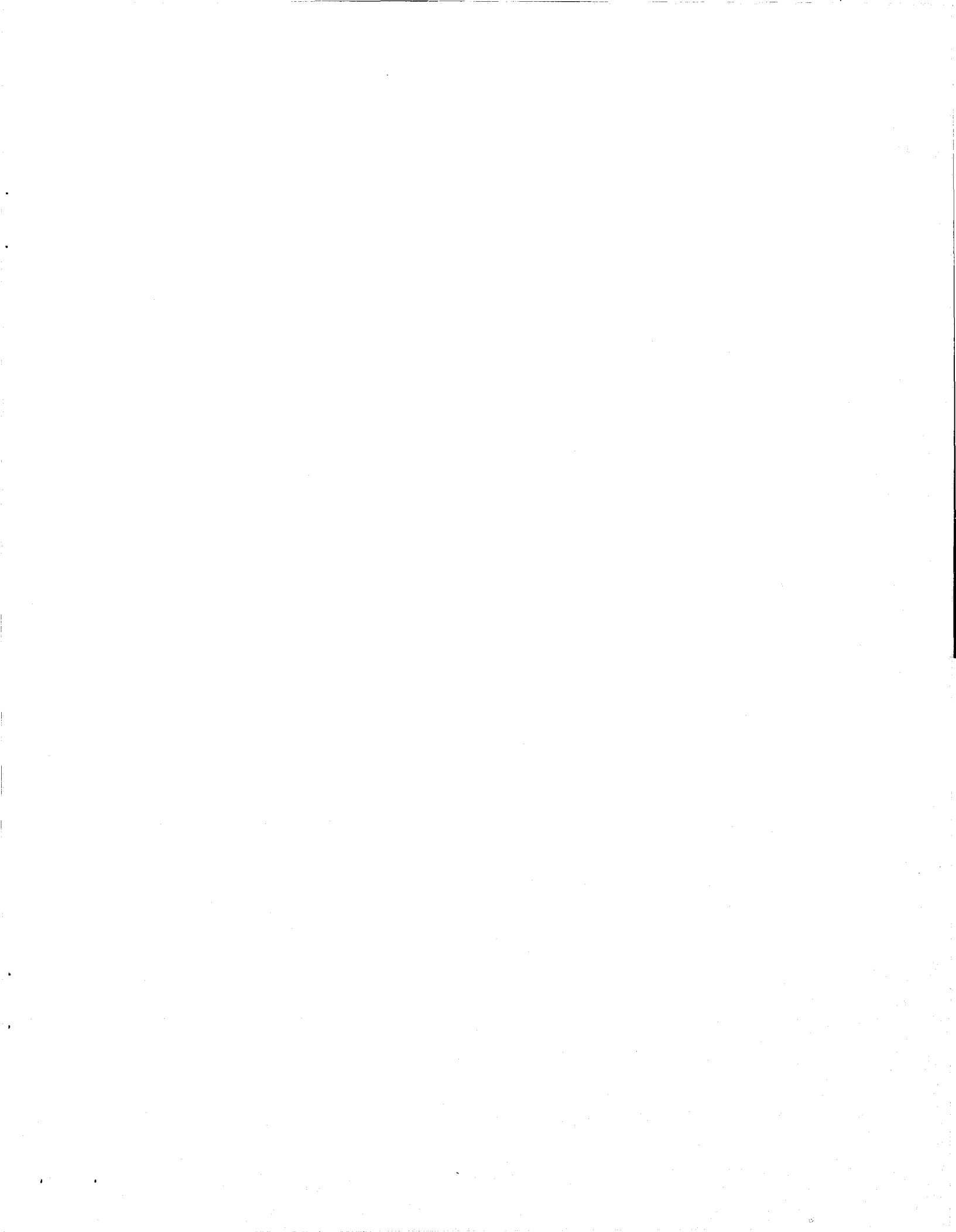
Windows and doors locked	114	(24%)
Do not go out alone at nite	94	(20%)
No	104	(22%)
Other	163	(34%)
Total	<u>475</u>	<u>100%</u>

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?


More Police Officers	215	(49%)
Severe Punishment	158	(36%)
Other	64	(15%)
Total	<u>437</u>	<u>100%</u>


14. What Can You Do To Prevent Crime?


Keep doors and windows locked	63	(16%)
Be alert	161	(42%)
Report Crimes	76	(20%)
Other	86	(22%)
Total	<u>386</u>	<u>100%</u>





Code Symbols

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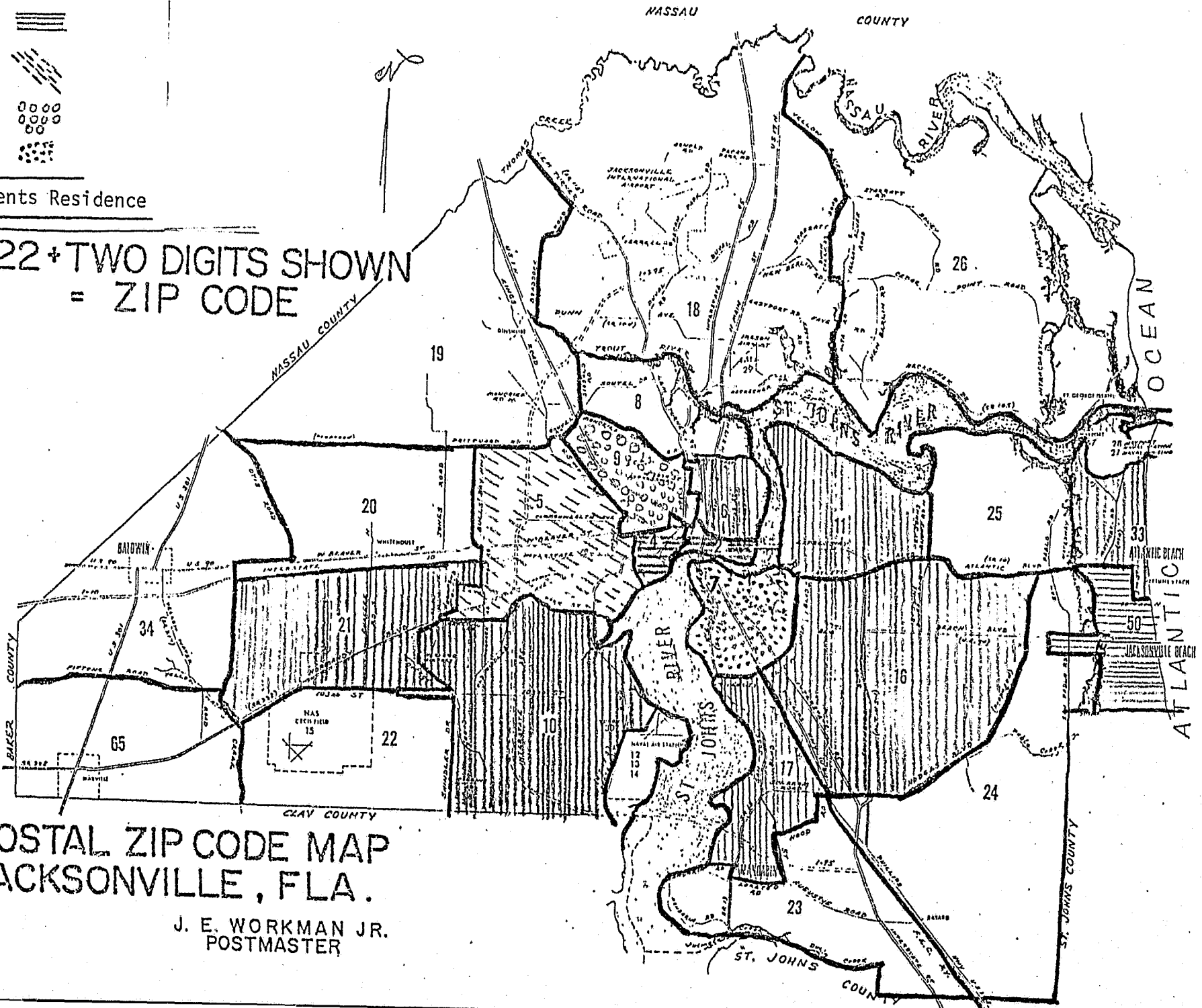
11%-15% 

16%-20% 

21%-25% 

Respondents Residence

322 + TWO DIGITS SHOWN
= ZIP CODE



POSTAL ZIP CODE MAP
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SUMMARY VICTIMIZATION PROFILES

In viewing the responses of those senior citizens surveyed who were victims of crime during the last two years, it seems evident that age does have some impact upon victimization. For the crimes of robbery and larceny, 62% and 56% of the victims, respectively, were 71 years of age or older. Both of the senior citizens who were included on the multiple victimization profile were in this category also. Most of the burglary victims in the survey were between the ages of 55 and 65.

Burglary seemed to be a greater problem among senior citizens living in private residences than among those living in high rise apartments. Larceny also seemed to be a larger problem for those living in private residences since they accounted for 67% of this victim group.

Whether or not the senior citizens lived alone did not seem to be a significant factor in whether they were victimized.

As might be expected, ex-robbery or mugging victims exhibited a much greater fear of walking alone in their neighborhood (stated affirmatively by 95%). They also showed a higher fear while in their homes at night. However, they showed a greater tendency to stay home as an effort to prevent crime from happening to them.

In light of these findings, it seems that higher priority should be given to educating senior citizens concerning the crime of robbery, the probability of its occurrence and preventive techniques which they might follow to avoid its occurrence. This information would be particularly appropriate for those senior citizens who are victimized by the crime of robbery since they are most likely to retreat into isolation due to fear.

Information on burglary and larceny should be provided to senior citizens, especially those living in private residences since they seem to experience greater problems in this area.

Finally, greater efforts should be expended to inform senior citizens of con-

structive contributions which can be made to the reduction of crime in our community. Many of these persons are not dependent on a paying job for support and would be able to provide valuable volunteer help for a crime reduction effort.

SENIOR CITIZEN VICTIM PROFILE

Question number 10 of the crime survey for senior citizens asks whether the respondent has been a victim of a crime during the prior two year period. Of the 645 persons answering question number 10, 65 or 10% stated that they had, in fact, been victimized. Shown below are the responses of those victimized.

Total Included: 65

Type of Crime Unknown: 5

Miscellaneous Crimes: 3

Summary Total: 57

1. Sex: Male: 14 (27%)

Female: 38 (73%)

*Total: 52 (100%)

2. Age: 55-60 10 (20%)

61-65 9 (18%)

66-70 9 (18%)

71+ 22 (44%)

Total 50 (100%)

3. Race: White 42 (76%)

Black 12 (22%)

Other 1 (2%)

Total 55 (100%)

* Totals represent victims answering each individual question

4. Zip Code:

32202	7	(13%)	32210	1	(2%)
32204	4	(8%)	32211	2	(4%)
32205	3	(6%)	32216	4	(8%)
32206	3	(6%)	32217	2	(4%)
32207	8	(15%)	32224	1	(2%)
32208	1	(2%)	32233	1	(2%)
32209	5	(10%)	32250	7	(13%)
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Total			49	(100%)	

5. Type of Residence:

Private Home	31	(55%)
Apartment	10	(18%)
Trailer	1	(2%)
High Rise	12	(21%)
Other	<u>2</u>	<u>(4%)</u>
Total	56	(100%)

6. Living Arrangements:

Live Alone	32	(59%)
W/One or More Person	<u>22</u>	<u>(41%)</u>
Total	54	(100%)

7. Income Source:

Social Security	39	(45%)	Family	1	(1%)
S.S.I.	11	(13%)	* Total	86	(100%)
Private Savings	7	(8%)			
Pension	14	(16%)			
Investments	4	(5%)			
Job	10	(12%)			

* Some respondents gave multiple answers to this question. The total shown represents the number of answers given

8. Are You Afraid To Walk In Your Neighborhood Alone At Night?

Yes	44	(79%)
No	<u>12</u>	<u>(21%)</u>
TOTAL:	56	(100%)

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes	40	(71%)
No	<u>16</u>	<u>(29%)</u>
TOTAL:	56	(100%)

10. Have You Been A Victim Of A Crime In The Last Two Years?

Yes 65 (100%)

TYPE OF CRIME:

B & E Burglary	23	(35%)
Larceny	12	(19%)
Robbery	20	(31%)
Multiple Crimes	2	(3%)
Miscellaneous Crimes	3	(5%)
Unknown	<u>5</u>	<u>(7%)</u>
TOTAL:	65	(100%)

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery	29	(66%)*
Burglary	6	(14%)
Assault	2	(5%)
Rape	1	(2%)
Murder	1	(2%)
Mugging	3	(7%)
Other	<u>2</u>	<u>(5%)</u>

** Number of answers given.

**TOTAL: 44 (100%)

* Five persons listed robbery and mugging together. These were placed in the robbery category since the respondents linked mugging to the more serious crime of robbery. One other listed mugging with B & E/Burglary.

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

Keep Doors Locked	15	(30%)	26%
Be Cautious	9	(18%)	15%
Protect Yourself	7	(14%)	12%
Stay At Home	11	(22%)	19%
Don't Go Out Alone	1	(2%)	2%
Keep A Dog	2	(4%)	4%
Use Flood Lights	2	(4%)	4%
Neighborhood Watch	2	(4%)	4%
Other	1	(2%)	2%
No	<u>7</u>	<u>(12%)</u>	<u>12%</u>
** Total	57	(100%)	100%

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?

More Police Officers	16	(53%)
Severe Punishment for Criminals	7	(23%)
Strict Law Enforcement	2	(7%)
Other	<u>5</u>	<u>(17%)</u>
** Total	30	(100%)

14. What Can You Do To Prevent Crime?

Doors and Windows Locked	5	(17%)
Stay At Home	2	(6%)
Be Cautious	14	(47%)
Neighborhood Watch	4	(13%)
Aid The Police	<u>5</u>	<u>(17%)</u>
** Total	30	(100%)

**Number of answers given.

PROFILE
BURGLARY VICTIMS

1. Sex: Male 8 (35%) Female 15 (65%) (Total: 23 (100%))

2. Age: 55-60: 7 (33%)
61-65: 7 (33%)
66-70: 3 (15%)
71 + : 4 (19%)
21 (100%)

3. Race: White: 17 (77%)
Black: 5 (23%)
Other: 0
22 (100%)

4. Zip Code:

32202 - 1	4.5%	32209 - 4	18.0%
32204 - 2	9.0%	32211 - 2	9.0%
32205 - 2	9.0%	32216 - 3	14%
32207 - 1	4.5%	32217 - 2	9.0%
32208 - 1	4.5%	32224 - 1	4.5%
		32250 - 3	14%
		<u>22</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

5. Type of Residence:

Private Home 16 (73%)
High Rise 2 (9%)
Apartment 4 (18%)
22 (100%)

6. Type of Living Arrangement:

Live Alone: 12 (57%)
One person or more 9 (43%)
21 (100%)

7. Source of Income:

Social Security:	11	(39%)
S.S.I.:	3	(10%)
Private Savings:	3	(10%)
Pension:	5	(17%)
Job:	$\frac{7}{*29}$	$\frac{(24%)}{(100%)}$

8. Are You Afraid To Walk Alone In Your Neighborhood At Night?

Yes - 15 (65%)

No - $\frac{8}{23}$ $\frac{(35%)}{(100%)}$

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes - 19 (83%)

No - $\frac{4}{23}$ $\frac{(17%)}{(100%)}$

10. Yes 23 (100%) Burglary

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery	9**	56%
Burglary	3	18%
Assault	2	13%
All Crimes	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{13%}{100%}$

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

Lock Doors	6	35%
Stay at home	2	12%
Be Cautious	4	23%
Keep A Dog	2	12%
Neighborhood Watch	1	6%
Flood Lights	$\frac{2}{*17}$	$\frac{12%}{100%}$

* Total Answers Given.

** One person listed robbery and mugging together. Two other "mugging" responses are included here.

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?

More Police Officers	6	(43%)
Strict Law Enforcement	4	(29%)
Proper Punishment	1	(7%)
Larger Jails	1	(7%)
Others	<u>2</u>	<u>(14%)</u>
	*14	100%

14. What One Thing Can You Do To Prevent Crime?

Testify In Court	1	(10%)
Use Security Methods	1	(10%)
Keep Doors Locked	1	(10%)
Neighborhood Watch	4	(40%)
Cooperate with Police	1	(10%)
Avoid High Crime Areas	<u>2</u>	<u>(20%)</u>
	*10	100%

*Total Answers Given.

PROFILE
LARCENY VICTIMS

1. Sex: Male 3 (25%) Female 9 (75%) Total: 12 (100%)

2. Age: 55-60: 1 (11%)
61-65: 1 (11%)
66-70: 2 (22%)
71 +: 5 (56%)
9 (100%)

3. Race: White: 11 (92%)
Black: 1 (8%)
12 (100%)

4. Zip Code:
32204 - 1 (9%)
32205 - 1 (9%)
32206 - 1 (9%)
32207 - 3 (27%)
32233 - 1 (9%)
32250 - 4 (37%)
11 (100%)

5. Type of Residence:
Private Residence 8 (67%)
Apartment Complex 3 (25%)
Trailer 1 (8%)
12 (100%)

6. Type of Living Arrangement:
Live Alone 7 (58%)
One or More Persons 5 (42%)
12 (100%)

7. Source of Income:

Social Security:	10	50%
S.S.I.:	2	10%
Private Savings:	2	10%
Pension:	4	20%
Investment:	1	5%
Job:	$\frac{1}{*20}$	$\frac{5\%}{100\%}$

8. Are You Afraid To Walk Alone In Your Neighborhood At Night?

Yes:	8	(73%)
No:	$\frac{3}{11}$	$\frac{(27\%)}{(100\%)}$

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes:	9	(82%)
No:	$\frac{2}{11}$	$\frac{(18\%)}{(100\%)}$

10. Have You Ever Been A Victim of A Crime in the Last Two Years?

Yes:	8	(89%)
No:	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{(11\%)}{(100\%)}$

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery	5	72%**
Burglary	1	14%
Rape	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{14\%}{100\%}$

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

Lock Doors	3	(22%)	Protect Yourself	7	(50%)
Cautious	2	(14%)	Stay In	$\frac{2}{*14}$	$\frac{(14\%)}{100\%}$

* Total answers given.

**This # includes two combination "mugging robbery" responses and one "mugging response".

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?

More Police	2	(29%)
Strict Law Enforcement	2	(29%)
Capital Punishment	2	(29%)
Other	$\frac{1}{*7}$	$\frac{(13\%)}{100\%}$

14. What One Thing Can You Do To Prevent Crime?

Keep Doors Locked	3	(60%)
Use Pass Sign To Get In	1	(20%)
Travel in Pairs	$\frac{1}{*5}$	$\frac{(20\%)}{100\%}$

* Total Answers Given.

PROFILE
ROBBERY VICTIMS

1. Male 3 (15%)

Female $\frac{17}{20}$ $\frac{(85\%)}{(100\%)}$

2. Age: 55-59 2 (11%)

60-65 1 (5%)

66-70 4 (22%)

71 + $\frac{11}{18}$ $\frac{(62\%)}{(100\%)}$

3. Race: White 12 (63%)

Black 6 (32%)

Other $\frac{1}{19}$ $\frac{(5\%)}{(100\%)}$

4. 32202 5 (29%) - Zip Codes:

32204 1 (6%)

32206 2 (12%)

32207 3 (18%)

32209 4 (23%)

32210 1 (6%)

32216 $\frac{1}{17}$ $\frac{(6\%)}{(100\%)}$

5. Type of Residence:

Private Home 7 (35%)

High Rise 8 (40%)

Apartment 3 (15%)

Other $\frac{2}{20}$ $\frac{(10\%)}{(100\%)}$

6. Living Arrangements:

Live Alone	11	(58%)
(W/More than 1)	8	(42%)
	<u>19</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

7. Source of Income:

Social Security	16	(50%)
S.S.I.	5	(16%)
Private Savings	2	(6%)
Pension	5	(16%)
Investments	2	(6%)
Family	1	(3%)
Job	<u>1</u>	<u>(3%)</u>
	* <u>32</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

8. Are You Afraid To Walk In Your Neighborhood Alone At Night?

Yes	19	(95%)
No	<u>1</u>	<u>(5%)</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes	10	(50%)
No	<u>10</u>	<u>(50%)</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

10. Have You Been A Victim Of A Crime In The Last Two Years?

Yes	20	(100%)
No	<u>0</u>	<u>(100%)</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery	17	(89%)*
Burglary	<u>2</u>	<u>(11%)</u>
	<u>19</u>	<u>(100%)</u>

* Total Answers Given.

** This number includes two combination "mugging robbery" responses and one "mugging" response.

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

Stay Home 7 (39%)

Lock Doors 6 (33%)

Run Away 1 (6%)

No $\frac{4}{18}$ $\frac{(22\%)}{100\%}$

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?

More Police 7 (58%)

Severe Punishment 4 (33%)

Capital Punishment $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{(8\%)}{100\%}$

14. What One Thing Can You Do To Prevent A Crime?

Don't Commit Crimes 1 (10%)

Be Cautious 6 (60%)

Help Police $\frac{3}{10}$ $\frac{(30\%)}{100\%}$

* Total Answers Given.

PROFILE
MULTIPLE VICTIMIZATION

N = 2 (100%)

1. Female 2 (100%)

Male 0

2. Age: 76 and 71 N=2 (100%)

3. Race: White - 2 (100%)

4. Zip Code: 32202 - 1 (50%)

32207 - 1 (50%)

5. Type Of Residence:

Highrise - 2 (100%)

6. Living Arrangements:

Live Alone 2 (100%)

7. Source of Income:

Social Security 2

S.S.I. 1

Investments 1

Job $\frac{1}{5^*}$

8. Are You Afraid To Walk In Your Neighborhood Alone At Night?

Yes 2 (100%)

9. Do You Feel Safe Inside Your Home At Night?

Yes 2 (100%)

10. Have You Been A Victim Of A Crime In The Last Two Years?

Yes 2 (100%)

*Total answers given.

10a Type of Crime:

Robbery	2	
Burglary	2	
Vandalism	1	
Arson	1	
Hit & Run	1	*N=2 (100%)

b Did The Crime Happen Within One Mile of Where You Live?

Yes 2 (100%)

11. What Crime Worries Elderly People The Most?

Robbery 1

Murder 1 N=2 (100%)

12. Do You Do Anything Special To Prevent A Crime From Happening To You?

NO 1 (50%)

Yes 1 (50%) N=2 (100%)

Don't Go Out Alone At Night 1

Avoid Parking Lots & Multi-level Garages 1

Don't Carry Purse 1

Don't Wear Jewelry 1 N=2 (100%)

13. What One Thing Would You Like To See Done To Prevent Crime?

Severe Punishment 1

More Police 1 N=2 (100%)

14. What Can You Do To Prevent Crime?

Stay Home 1

Same as #12 1 N=2 (100%)

*N equals the total number of persons answering this question. The remaining respondents made no choice on this question.

SUMMARY

RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS

1. Educational materials and presentations to senior citizens should be more specifically tailored to their needs. Information concerning burglary and robbery should maintain precedence above other material.
2. Education of senior citizens regarding the crimes of robbery and burglary should be geared toward giving these persons maximum protection but also at lowering their levels of fear.
3. Senior citizens who are victims of robbery or muggings should receive special attention in the way of available crime prevention education and constructive methods of fear reduction.
4. Constructive volunteer alternatives should be developed for senior citizens to allow them to take positive action in preventing crime in their neighborhoods or buildings.
5. Active crime prevention programming for senior citizens should be directed mainly but not exclusively toward robbery prevention for high-rise residents and burglary prevention for senior citizens living in private residents.
6. Volunteer activities for senior citizens should include aid to older senior citizens who are more likely to be victimized.

A P P E N D I X

CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY

During the month of August, 1976, the Crime Prevention Unit of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning conducted a survey of Jacksonville residents to determine the perceptions and awareness of Jacksonville's citizens regarding crime prevention. A total of 497 names were chosen from the phone book through a method of systematic sampling. Only residential numbers were selected. Phone calls were made both during and after normal working hours in order to include both working and non-working people.

Of the 497 names selected, forty (40) calls were incomplete due to a wrong number or phone out of order, thirty-five (35) due to no answer, and one hundred and four (104) due to no comment by the person answering. The total number of persons providing input into the survey was three hundred and eighteen (318). Shown below are the questions which were asked and the answers which were given:

(1) What type of crime worries people the most?

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
*B&E/Burglary	95	35.1%
Murder	54	19.9%
Robbery	48	17.7%
Rape	35	12.9%
Assault	8	3.0%
Theft (stealing)	7	2.6%
Purse-snatching	3	1.1%
Harrassment	3	1.1%
Mugging	3	1.1%
Crimes Against Children	2	.7%
Drug Involvement	1	.4%
Vandalism	1	.4%
No Crime	2	.7%
All Crimes	9	2.3%
	<u>271</u>	<u>100.0%</u> **N=271

(2) Are you afraid to walk alone in your own neighborhood at night?

Yes 107 (34.2%) No 206 (65.8%) N=313

(3) Do you feel safe at home at night?

Yes 269 (85.9%) No 44 (14.1%) N=313

*Names of crimes supplied by respondents

**N equals the total number of persons answering this question.
The remaining respondents made no choice on this question.

(4) Have you ever received any information on crime prevention?

Yes 83 (26.4%)

No 231 (73.6%)

(5) Would you like to know more about how to protect yourself from crime?

Yes 198 (65.3%)

No 105 (34.7%)

Many of the answers given by respondents in the above survey are indicative of the level of fear relating to the possibility of personal victimization by crime. It is interesting to note the prominence which citizens gave to B&E/Burglary on their list of most feared crimes. In actuality, this is the crime which occurs with the greatest frequency in the residential sector in Jacksonville. While rates for violent crimes have recently shown some decrease, the rate of B&E/Burglary within the City has been going up.

As one might expect, the next four most feared crimes on the citizens list were, in order of prominence, murder, robbery, rape and assault-all violent crimes. This may indicate that although these crimes are less frequently occurring than some other crimes, the fear which they generate has a larger impact upon the quality of the lives of Jacksonville citizens.

Polls conducted by the Gallup organization during 1968 and 1972 showed that the percentage of persons who were afraid to walk in their own neighborhood at night increased from 31.0% to 42.0% during these years. According to the survey of Jacksonville residents done in 1976, 34.2% of the citizens answering were afraid to walk in their neighborhoods at night.

A Gallup poll done in 1972 found that one person in six does not feel safe in his own home at night. The Jacksonville survey shows that about one in seven persons has this fear.

It is hard to estimate how the level of fear expressed by Jacksonville residents compares to that of citizens in other parts of the nation. Since the Gallup surveys were completed concerning the above questions, a great deal of change may have occurred in the attitudes of citizens within our country. There is no doubt, however, that Jacksonville residents fear crime and that this fear affects the way they go about their lives in the City.

The remaining two questions on the Jacksonville survey dealt with the citizen's contact with crime prevention information. Almost 74% of the persons answering related that they had never received any information on crime prevention and almost 65% of these expressed a desire to receive additional information. Obviously there is a need to better educate our citizens on crime prevention.

SENIOR CITIZEN CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY PRESENTATION

- I SURVEY PURPOSE
- II SURVEY METHOD
- III SITES INCLUDED:
 - a) Five group meetings
 - b) Five nutritional centers
 - c) Three high rises
 - d) Total: 660 respondents
- IV THE AUGUST 1976 SURVEY
- V FINDINGS: Senior Citizen Survey
- VI ACTIONS PRECIPITATED:
 - a) Crime Prevention Education
 - 1. NRTA/AARP Program
 - 2. Community Posse
 - 3. Follow-Up for Victims
 - 4. Information Center
 - b) Expanded Study of Robbery Problem
 - 1. Identification of Specific Characteristics of the Problem
 - 2. Development of Programs
 - c) Role of Senior Citizen
 - 1. Crime Prevention Education
(1-4)
 - 2. Expanded Study of Robbery Problem
(1-2)
 - d) Program Development
 - 1. Community Anti-Crime Funding

I. High Rises

Baptist Towers
Campus Towers
Franklin Arms Apartments

II. Housing Project

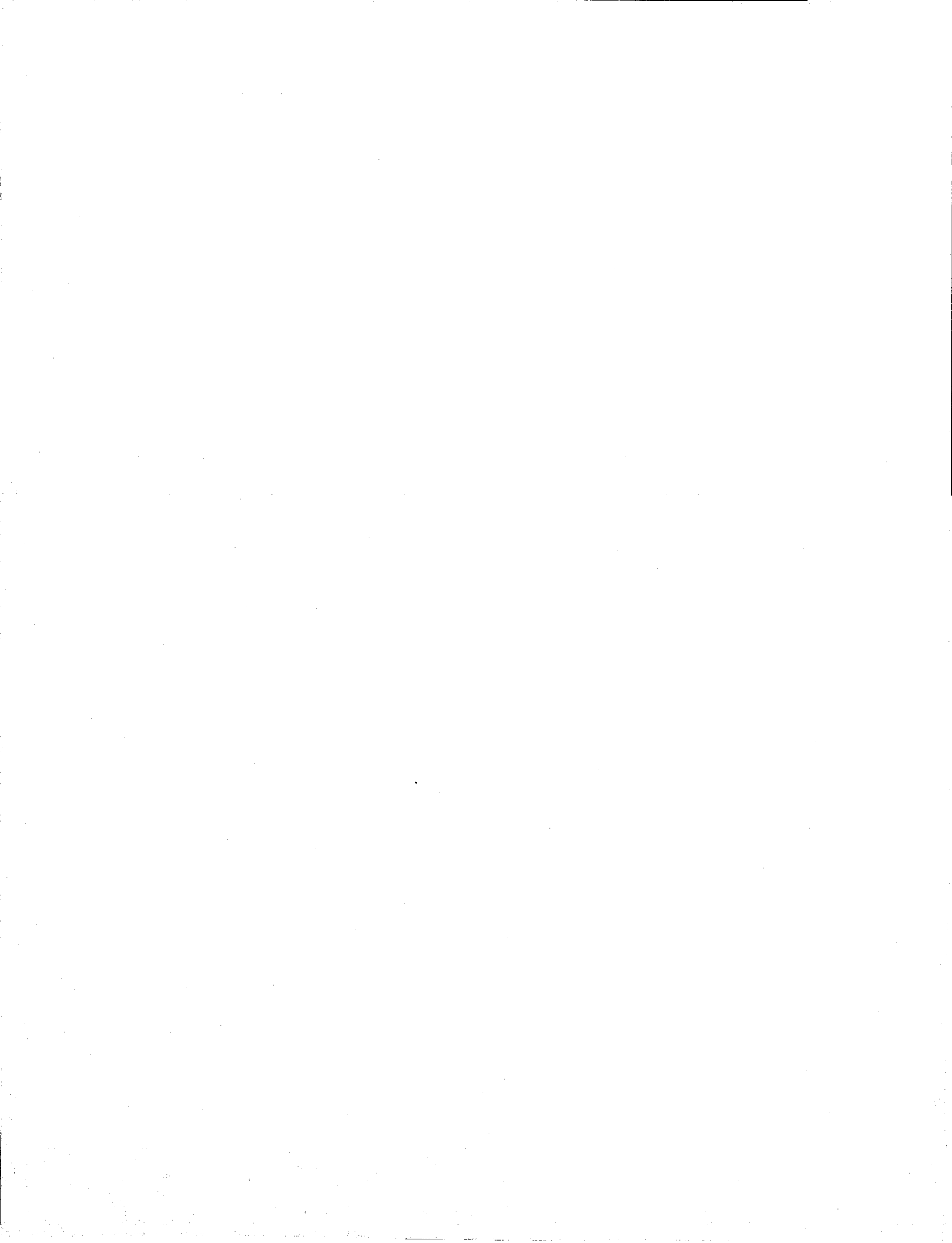
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III. Nutritional Centers

Franklin Arms Apartments (High Rise)
Grace Lutheran Church
Johnson Center
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church
YMCA
St. Mathews Church

IV. Meetings

Pioneers
AARP/NRTA
Apartment Complex Zip 07
Federation of Senior Citizen Clubs



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