



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Almost three-quarters of the respondents had lived in Lake View for more than 5 years. Responses came in from all branches and were generally middle aged adults. One-third of the respondents indicated they personally or their immediate family witnessed or were a victim of a crime in Lake View in 2007.

In terms of satisfaction with the City of Chicago in 2007:

- Most satisfied with how addressing Gang Violence (31% either very satisfied or satisfied) and Prostitution (28% very satisfied or satisfied)
- Least satisfied with how addressing Personal Assaults (56%) and Graffiti (46%)
- Low awareness of how addressing Identity Theft (43% don't know)

Compared to prior years, 2007 perceptions are:

- Better than prior years with Gang Violence (16% feel better)
- Worse than prior years with Personal Assaults (58%) and Break-In's (39%)
- Low awareness of Identity Theft and Prostitution changes year-over-year

In terms of importance, the number of people rating these in their "Top 3" (of 10):

- Personal Assault (Armed Robbery / Rape / Violence) (114 responses)
- Break-in's (Theft from home) (87 responses)
- Gang Violence (42 responses)
- Traffic, Bike and Pedestrian Safety (38 responses)
- Public Nuisance (Noise / Urination) (36 responses)
- Drugs (29 responses)
- Theft (car/bike) (27 responses)

Support for Police Cameras at major intersections received the most votes.



BACKGROUND

Lake View Citizens' Council (LVCC) is a non-profit civic organization serving the Lakeview community on the north side of Chicago, Illinois. LVCC has been working since 1952 to keep residents and businesses informed of what is happening in Lakeview neighborhood. LVCC is composed of twelve different neighborhood groups, all of which are equally represented on LVCC's Board of Directors.

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What are your perceptions of Crime and Safety in Lake View?

Thank you to everyone who participated in our last survey on 2007 Wrigley Neighborhood Protections. The results are available [online on our website](#).

Our next survey is on your perceptions of crime and safety in Lake View. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we thank you in advance for your help. We will share the results with the 19th and 23rd Chicago Police Districts. At the end of the survey, you can sign our online petition asking City Hall for additional police coverage and support in Lake View.

Lake View Citizens' Council (LVCC) will be hosting a Personal Safety Forum **this Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 7PM at Illinois Advocate Masonic Hospital (836 W Wellington - Olsen Auditorium)**. The speaker will be an officer from Preventive Programs on how to protect yourself and your personal property. We hope you can join us.

[Take this survey >](#)

Thanks in advance,

[Lake View Citizens' Council](#)

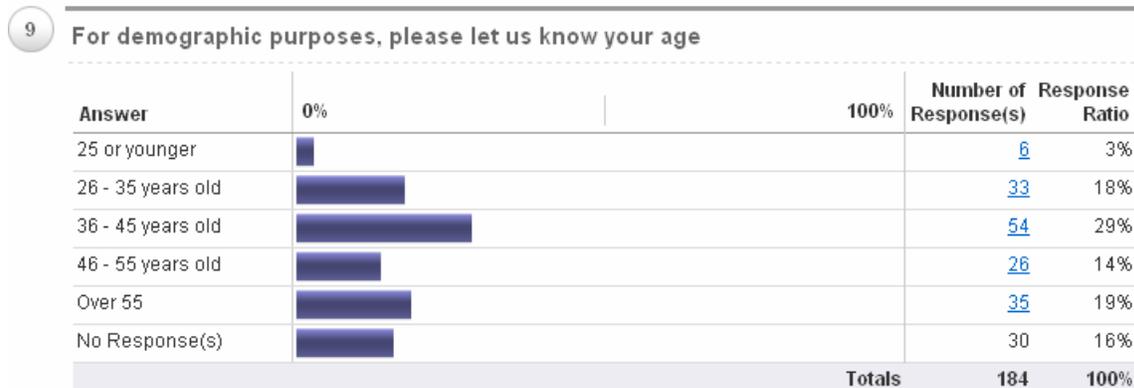
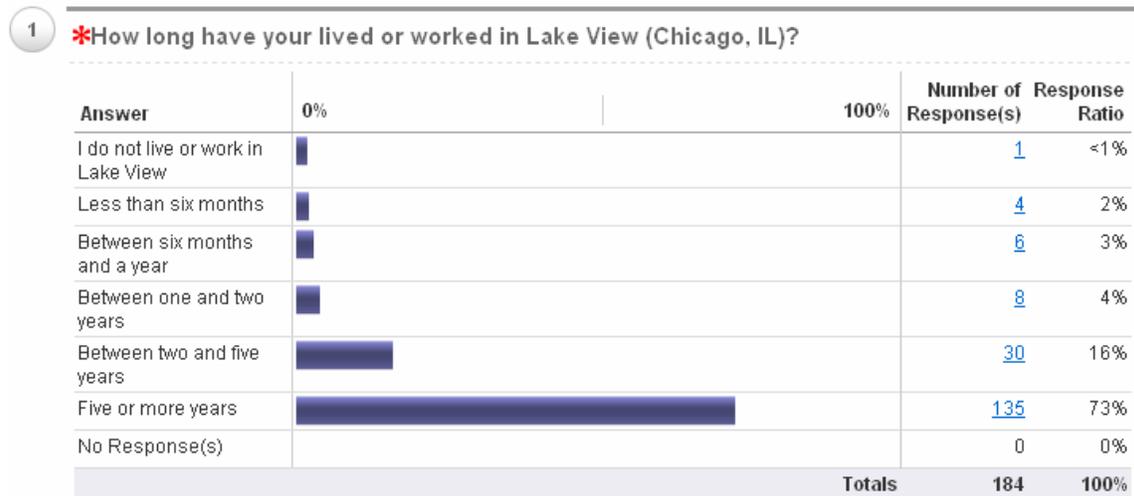


The email had the following metrics:

Sent	Bounces	Spam Reports	Opt-outs	Opens	Clicks	Forwards
1958	3.6% (70)	0	0.1% (1)	26.5% (501)	46.3% (232)	0

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The 10 question survey asked 5 demographic questions to allow for cross-tab analysis. For a cross-tab report, please contact info@lakeviewcitizens.org.





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2 *Have you attended a CAPS (Community Alternative Policing Strategy) meeting or roll-call event for your Chicago Police Department beat this year?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
No, I know when/where the meetings are but have NOT attended			39	21%
No, I don't know when/where the meetings are but am NOT interested.			39	21%
No, I don't know when/where the meetings are but AM interested			52	28%
Yes, I have attended at least one CAPS meeting or roll-call event			54	29%
No Response(s)			0	0%
Totals			184	100%

3 *Have you or a member of your immediate family personally witnessed or been a victim of a crime while in Lake View in 2007?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, and it was reported to the Chicago Police Department			50	27%
Yes, but it was NOT reported to the Chicago Police Department			12	7%
No			122	66%
No Response(s)			0	0%
Totals			184	100%



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If they responded “YES” to the above question, they were asked the next question. (We utilized ‘skip’ logic so only those who answered “YES” were shown this question.)

If you personally witnessed a crime or were a victim of crime (reported or not) that occurred in Lake View in 2007, please let us know of the details.

Answers

Drunk & disorderly; public urination & other such nuisance crimes

Something that looked like a drug deal handoff (but drugs not actually seen, so may not count)

Folks running red lights, speeding, parking in no-parking zones.

Garage break-in. Significant damage to door, but only minor items taken.

car vandalism

I was home and heard a loud noise from upstairs, it was a quick break in. They entered between 10:55 and 11:05am. The girl was out of town.

Also, I manage M2 Boutique at Eddie and Southport. There were 2 gang cars out front casing the store on Saturday 10.6.07. Police were called and they drove off.

I have heard about a lot more break ins from my customers and neighbors.
The worst ever.

A robbery at my place of business, and a breaking and entering- In both instances, precautions were taken and ADT was the means by which I was alerted.

Two friends and I were walking down Roscoe between halsted and browadway and 5 guys (probably 18-20 years old) jumped out from behind the bushes and punched my guy friend in the face (probaby a hate crime because my friend is gay.) Then they ran across the street and beat up two other people who were carrying their groceries home

My bike was just stolen Friday and my car has been broken into, I've had my front Grill of a VW Jetta stolen, and a hit and run.

Business burglarized 5 times. Witnessed assault and batteries as well as being personally assaulted.
Loitering.

One of my brothers had his bike stolen from his apartment on N. Pine Grove.
Another had his business robbed on N. Halsted.

No comment

Our 11 year old daughter was sexually harassed by a man on a bicycle while walking home from her bus stop which is at Hawthorne school.

petty crime on halsted ---petty crime on broadway--and in the general area -by people who travel into the area and just hang around--selling drugs --and prostitution

Walking with my now-wife eastbound on Roscoe between Clark and Halsted. Approached by two young African-American males. As we walked by, one of the individuals grabbed my shoulder and put a gun in my face and demanded my money and wallet. CPD responded quickly, but did absolutely no follow up and my repeated calls to inquire about the status of the investigation were referred to detectives who did not follow up. On a less serious note, I have had my car vandalized twice in my parking space.

Public drunkenness, fighting, urination, noise

Witnessed and reported post-Cubs game fans (1) defacing cars on street; (2) lighting fireworks off in street and near parked cars; (3) public urination on public way or in alleys

Fist fight--police arrived quickly and made arrests.

Occassional drug use in the park next to our home on 926 w. fletcher - we simply ask people to leave when



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we see it because we doubt police can arrive in time to do anything....

tagging on my business store front.

Theft of employees handbags by con artists.

Victim of counterfeit \$50 bill passing.

continual destruction of flower pots outsided.

Bike stolen out of basement.

The person kicked in the front door but ran when the alarm went off. The police came, and they waited for my brother to come from the suburbs as we were out of the country. The police thought the person rings the bell and when no one answers, he attempts to get in.

I know of a couple of muggings and one gentleman that sold tickets to an event that didn't even exist.

Our car was broken into, radio stolen when parked behind our house.

Our back door window was smashed in, the intruder could not get in.

Our car was stolen from the filling station when we were putting air in the tires.

My girlfriend lives in a building that has frequent drug deals. As part of the fallout from this, various people have been hanging out in the area, and five bikes have been stolen from the bike room, as the 'dealer' likes to leave a back entrance door open so his 'clients' can have easy access to him.

Garage break in. Petty theft only.

My neighbors saw someone trying to climb in my window, they did not call police as he ran away.

I have witnessed men urinating in public on my property on several occasions. A bike was stolen from my gangway. (It was not locked up tho.)

Drunk climbed onto my balcony at 1am, ounding on the balcony doors and screaming for someone named "Teasha." Cops came, but he was gone by the time they got there. My car was also crashed into on the street in August, but the man left a note and was very nice about the whole thing.

car theft

I own a store and continuously witness cubs fans vandalizing my and others properties... the police don't seem to think it's important though. Maybe they can clean up the vomit, urine... fix all the things they break. Then they will care more.

My store was broken into and I got a ticket for a false alarm! The police didn't even shut the door when they left.

Attempted break in to my apartment.

After gay pride parade there was a fight between two men in a car in front of my house at 710 Roscoe Street.

The police eventually came. I'm not sure if any one was arrested.

Our building at 3222 N. Sheffield was "tagged" four times this year - on two occasion it was reported to police. Our building at 3216 N.Sheffield was broken in to - thieves robbed an atm at that location and did physical property damage.

Garage was broken into. Was told in the lobby of the police station on Halsted and Addison to call 911. From the lobby of the police station. I was astounded.

Bike theft. Several bikes stolen from garages in alley near me. Lots of homeless people constantly loitering in alleys, mostly when dark. Police didn't care at all because not serious crime.

A 30-something intoxicated white male punched and thereby shattered the glass of our front door.

victim of a break-in and witnessed a car-break-in

battery

counterfit currency

my store was broken into and robbed and there was a group violent fight multiple times on the corner of buckingham and halsted



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We then asked a series of questions about Crime and Personal Safety in Lake View. The first question asked:

How satisfied are you in how the the City of Chicago is addressing the following issues in 2007 in Lake View?

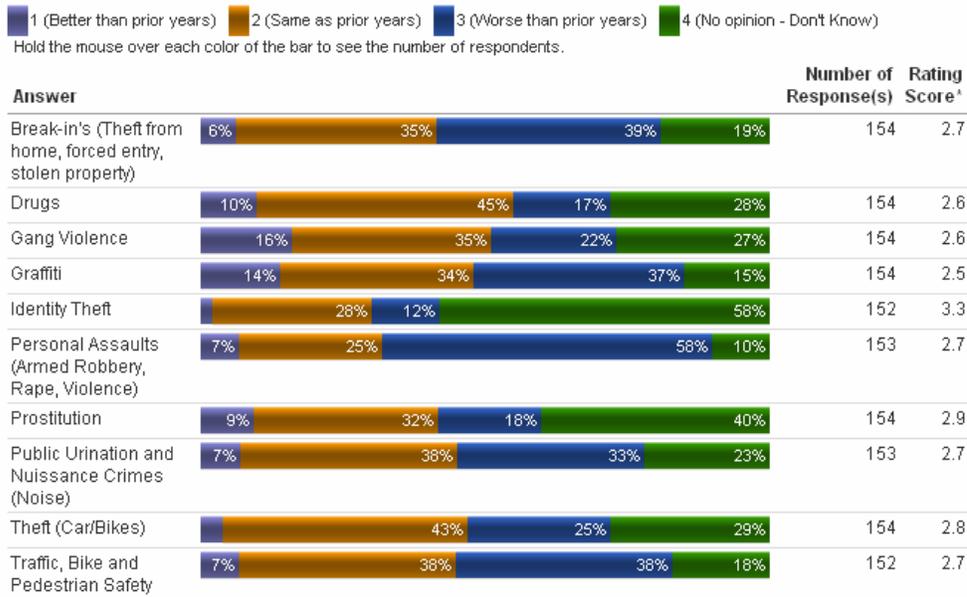
■ 1 (Very Satisfied)
 ■ 2 (Satisfied)
 ■ 3 (Neutral)
 ■ 4 (Unsatisfied)
 ■ 5 (Don't Know - No Opinion)

Hold the mouse over each color of the bar to see the number of respondents.

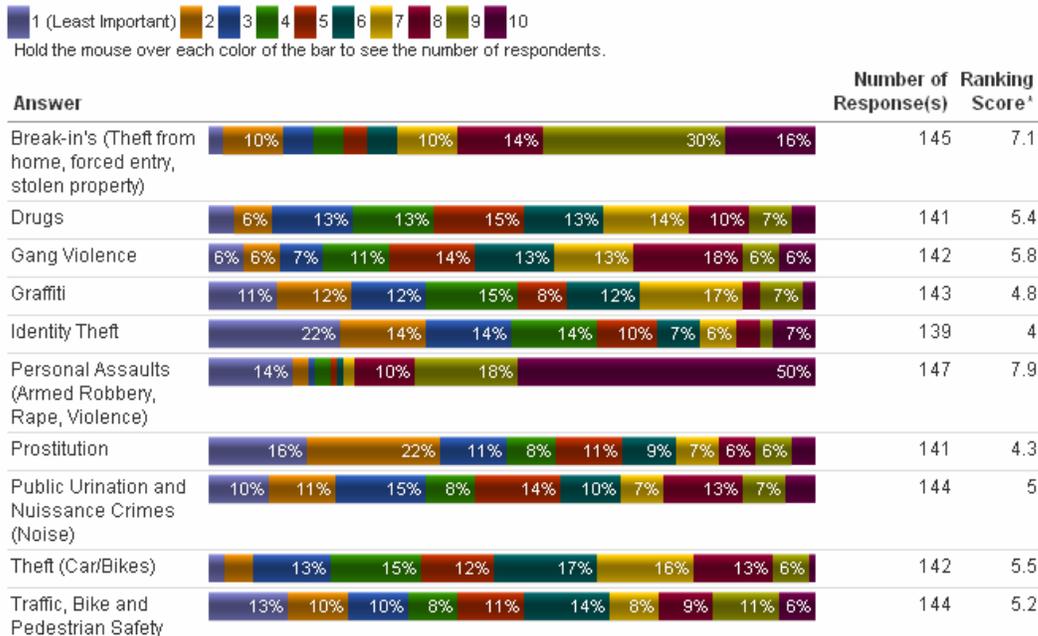
Answer						Number of Response(s)	Rating Score ^a
Break-in's (Theft from home, forced entry, stolen property)	6%	21%	21%	36%	16%	152	3.4
Drugs		21%	28%	26%	21%	151	3.4
Gang Violence	9%	22%	23%	27%	19%	151	3.3
Graffiti	7%	22%	18%	46%	8%	152	3.3
Identity Theft		15%	30%	8%	43%	151	3.7
Personal Assaults (Armed Robbery, Rape, Violence)	6%	16%	13%	56%	9%	151	3.5
Prostitution	6%	22%	26%	21%	25%	149	3.4
Public Urination and Nuisance Crimes (Noise)		21%	18%	44%	16%	152	3.5
Theft (Car/Bikes)		19%	25%	32%	21%	150	3.5
Traffic, Bike and Pedestrian Safety	5%	23%	22%	42%	8%	151	3.3



Compared to prior years, how has your perception of Lake View in 2007 changed regarding the following issues?



Rank the following issues (from 10 being the "Most Important" down to 1 as "Least Important") that are most important to you in terms of where Lake View needs additional support/focus.





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Which of the following options would you favor to improve safety in Lake View for 2008?
(Select as many as appropriate.)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Police cameras on major intersection street corners			98	21%
Private neighborhood security force to supplement CPD efforts			62	13%
Personal safety seminars for women, homeowners, and businesses			68	14%
Neighborhood marches/rallies at night and early morning			17	4%
Additional taxes/fees to pay for more Police in Lake View			34	7%
Campaigns to re-deploy Police from other districts to Lake View			86	18%
Canine patrols at 'L' stops			76	16%
None of the above			9	2%
Other (View all)			21	4%
Totals			471	100%