

Carrollton Riverbend Community Survey – Crime, Fear of Crime and Public Safety before, during and after Hurricane Katrina

Please complete this survey and return it at the **Oak Street Cafe** where you can get a **free coffee** by returning this survey. You may also complete it and keep it until it will be collected next January, but please **do not throw it away** even if you don't want to participate. Blank surveys will be picked up in January as well. Please answer as many questions as you can, any answer is better than no answer and we value any answers we can get from you. **This survey is ANONYMOUS but please specify on what street you live** (it will be use for a PhD study in Geography on crime and perception of crime in the aftermath of major disasters). **Thank you for answering our survey.**

1- About You and the Neighborhood

1. For that address, before Hurricane Katrina did you: (*Read list*)

- ☐ Own and live at this address
- ☐ Rent at this address
- ☐ Own this address and rent it to others
- ☐ Live somewhere else in the neighborhood
- ☐ Live outside the neighborhood

2. What is your current living arrangement, do you:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Own | Rent | Plan to move out | Plan to stay |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

3. When Katrina struck New Orleans in August 2005 did you:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Evacuate
before | Evacuate
after | I didn't live in New Orleans at
the time | I was out of
town | I didn't
evacuate at all |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

4. How many people are currently living in your home?

_____ Number of people living at this address. _____ Number of children. _____ Number of women.

5. Do any elderly, handicapped, or people with special needs live with you?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Which of the following best describes your race?

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Asian | Black | Hispanic | White | Other |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

7. How old are you?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Under 20 | 20 – 29 | 30 – 39 | 40 – 49 | 50 – 59 | 60 or Over |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

8. How would you define your relationship with your neighbors?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Very good
cohesion | Good cohesion | Poor cohesion | Very bad
cohesion | I don't interact with
them | I don't know them |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

9. How would you describe the physical environment in your neighborhood? (You can pick several)

- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lack of light | Presence of
blight | Deteriorated/ruined/trashed | Graffiti | Clean | Lack of public
services | Nice place
to live |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

10. What kind of transportation do you use? (You can pick several)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| A car | I walk | A bike | Motorcycle | Public transportations | I don't go out |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

11. About your professional situation:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I work | I don't work | I'm retired | I'm a student | Other |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

12. About your annual income:

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Less than 20 000\$ | 20 000\$/40 000\$ | 40 000\$/60 000\$ | 60 000\$/80 000\$ | More than 80 000\$ |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

13. Are you involved in any kind of neighborhood activities?

Yes No I don't want to I would like to I don't know about any activities
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

14. What would you recommend to make your neighborhood a better place to live?

15. What is your address (PLEASE ANSWER, in order to make your survey useful)?

Street Address (i.e. 8900 block, 700 block of such & such): _____

2-Crime In Carrollton Riverbend area (Leonidas)

16. How do you get information on crime? (You can pick several)

Television Radio Newspaper The internet Neighbors Family/friends I witness it Other
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

17. According to you when was crime the worst in this neighborhood (rank from 1 to 5):

Before Katrina Days following Katrina Months following Katrina Years following Katrina Now
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

18. Before and after Hurricane Katrina, have you:

	Before		After	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Called 9-1-1 to get help from the police?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reported a crime to the NOPD (other than 9-1-1)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contacted the NOPD to talk about a problem or get information? ..	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been stopped or questioned by a NOPD officer about a crime? ...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Been arrested in this neighborhood? ...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Before and after Katrina, has anyone:

	Before		After	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Broken into your home or tried to break into your home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stolen or tried to steal your vehicle or taken anything from it? ·	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stolen anything else from outside your home, including mail? ·	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Used threats or force to steal something from you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Threatened or attacked you with a weapon?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attacked you or attempted to do so? ...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Now, read a list of problems that are experienced in some neighborhoods. For each one, please mention what are the concerns in your neighborhood, there are problems with:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> People being threatened with guns, knives, or other weapons | <input type="checkbox"/> Property stolen from homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People getting beaten up, robbed, or raped | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles being broken into |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People being killed/murdered | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles being stolen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People firing guns | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People selling drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism and/or graffiti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People using drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Young people getting into trouble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public drinking or drunks hanging around | <input type="checkbox"/> Street lights out / Not enough lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gangs | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage on the streets / Trash not removed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People hanging out on the street | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough good or positive things for young people to do |

21. Did violent crime(s) occur in the neighborhood in the aftermath of Katrina?

No ☐ I don't know ☐ Yes I've experienced it ☐ Yes I've heard about it ☐ Yes I've seen it in the media ☐

22. If yes, what kind of crime(s)?

Looting (shops) ☐ Looting (property) ☐ Murder ☐ Robbery ☐ Personal assault ☐ Other ☐

3- Fear of crime

23. How safe from crime did you feel in this neighborhood before Hurricane Katrina?

Very Safe ☐ Somewhat Safe ☐ Somewhat Unsafe ☐ Very Unsafe ☐ Live outside the neighborhood ☐

24. How safe from crime did you feel in this neighborhood during or when you came back after Katrina?

Very Safe ☐ Somewhat Safe ☐ Somewhat Unsafe ☐ Very Unsafe ☐ I did not evacuate ☐

25. How safe from crime do you feel in this neighborhood today?

Very Safe ☐ Somewhat Safe ☐ Somewhat Unsafe ☐ Very Unsafe ☐

26. Did you feel safer with the National Guard patrolling parts of New Orleans?

Yes ☐ No ☐ More Unsafe ☐ I wasn't there ☐

27. If you left during Katrina, in the place you were staying, did you feel:

Safer ☐ More unsafe ☐ No change ☐ I felt at home ☐ I felt not welcome ☐

28. Where are the places you feel safe in the neighborhood? (you can pick several)

At home ☐ In your car ☐ In the street during the day ☐ In the street during the night ☐ Close to your home ☐ Nowhere in the neighborhood ☐ Everywhere in the neighborhood ☐

29. Are there places you don't go because of crime?

☐ Yes ☐ No

30. If yes, where and why:

31. In your everyday life, would you say that crime is:

The number one concern ☐ A major concern ☐ A concern among others ☐ A serious concern ☐ A concern but it has always been like this so you've got to deal with ☐

32. What kind of crime are you the most concerned about?

Crime against my person ☐ Crime against my property ☐ Crime against my family/friends ☐ Shootings ☐ Drug trade ☐

33. According to you, what is looting during and after a natural disaster: (you can pick several)

A crime ☐ Provisioning ☐ A rational reaction ☐ A social breakdown ☐ Burglary ☐ Surviving ☐

4- Response to crime and fear of crime

34. When Katrina struck did you stay to watch on your property?

☐ Yes ☐ No

35. Could the risk of looting prevent you from evacuating if you had to in the case of a major hurricane?

Yes No I don't know Maybe I rely on my neighbors
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

36. In order to assure your own security, do you have: (You can pick several)

A gun A dog An alarm Cameras Security access to my property Locks/gate Other
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

37. If you were the victim of a violent crime, would you:

	Yes	No
Report the crime to the police?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talk to your neighbors about it?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Do you think having a neighborhood watch helps reduce crime?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I am a member already ☐ I used to be a member

39. Would you join a neighborhood watch group?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

40. How often do you see NOPD officers on patrol in the neighborhood? (*Select one*)

☐ Daily / Several times a day ☐ Once a month
☐ Several times a week ☐ Less than once a month
☐ Once a week ☐ Never

41. Overall, how good of a job is the NOPD doing in the neighborhood today? Are they doing a:

Very Good Job Good Job Okay Job Bad Job Very Bad Job
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

42. In the neighborhood, is the NOPD patrolling:

Equally throughout the neighborhood In some areas more than others Where most of the crimes occur (hot spots) Where not so much crimes occur (cold spots) I don't know
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

43. Could crime be a reason for you to move out?

Yes outside the city Yes somewhere else in the city Yes but I don't have the means to move out Maybe No, I want to stay and do something about it No, crime is not a problem
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

44. About a crime walk, according to you what would best describe this initiative?:

It brings citizens and the police together It increase social cohesion It's a way to get together I don't think it's useful I don't know about it Other
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

45. If you had crime issues, on what would you rely the most: (You can pick several)

NOPD 2nd District NOPD headquarter My neighbors Myself Private security Family/friends
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

46. If you have something else to say please feel free to let us know:
