

# PEOPLE TO KNOW

Building alliances with other groups and government agencies is key to fighting crime successfully. Below are some key partners your group should work with to fight crime in your park.

## Police Precinct Community Council

- ✓ Each precinct has a Community Council, a group of concerned citizens who meet monthly with precinct officers to discuss neighborhood crime issues
- ✓ Meetings are attended by the precinct's Commanding Officer and the Community Affairs Officer
- ✓ Meetings are usually open to all (call your precinct for more information) and are an ideal forum for you to voice your concerns and build a good working relationship with the police

## Community Board

- ✓ Local representative bodies that play an advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to their communities' welfare.
- ✓ Holds hearings or investigations on any matter relating to the district's welfare
- ✓ Very interested in issues of crime and safety
- ✓ Many community boards have public safety committees to address crime issues
- ✓ Monthly meetings are open to the public and an excellent forum for your group to raise concerns about any crime problems in your park.
- ✓ The board can help get additional services and funding to address the problems you raise.

## Elected Officials

- ✓ Your City Councilmember, Borough President, even your State Assemblyperson or Legislator can help you fight crime in your park
- ✓ Crime is always a big campaign issue, so public officials are interested in showing support for community crime-fighting efforts
- ✓ City Councilmembers can put funds into the City's budget to fund improvement projects or even to pay the salary of a full-time Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer for your park or a group of parks in your neighborhood.

## Local civic groups, block associations, churches, schools and merchants

- ✓ Potentially powerful allies for your group, especially if they have similar concerns about crime in the neighborhood
- ✓ Reach out to leaders of interested groups; meet together to identify shared goals; encourage them to join the Precinct Community Council