

In today's world, there is a lot of violence which can be prevented. If I could, I would personally set up a Neighborhood Watch or a community patrol this will help reduce the violence here in Rochester. I am a very caring individual and get discourage at times to see all the violence around us daily. With this community patrol, there are many things that can be monitored such as, checking to see if the street lights are working, curfew for minors, random roadblocks, drug activities, theft, trespassing, and loitering. It would also be highly recommended to build a good relationship with police officers and report all suspicious activities without fear of retaliation. I also think cleaning the neighborhood would play a big part in revitalizing the area. Reaching out to one of our local public works department and ask for help with, garbage, abandoned cars etc... This will decrease the loitering and eventually, they will realize that the neighborhood watch is in effect and is monitored closely as far as suspicious activities. Being a teenager, I paid attention to my surroundings. Even when I am in school, work or home; if I see something that looks suspicious, I always let someone aware of the situation. I really wish there can be an easier way to monitor the community so it can be safer for families to enjoy themselves while out or even home. I am not allowed to go to parks because of the violence that is reported and perpetrated by reckless people. I would love to go to the park and other areas in the community, but I am always told: "anything can happen out there so I rather you stay at home".

Social Media is also a major issue that leads to most crimes across America. If there was some way to prevent videos and inappropriate photos and documents that potentially lead to criminal acts. I feel as though the crime rate in America.

In conclusion, I would decrease criminal activity and install crime prevention methods with a Neighborhood Watch. Being able to build and maintain some sort of connection with our local authorities can reduce our crime rate. Our children deserve to be able to walk the streets without safety concerns. If I could, I would do all the things stated to bring peace and harmony in the Rochester community!

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