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The organizing committee of the proposed neighborhood watch group would like to know your suggestions in the following areas:

i) What crime(s) should be focused on and why?

I think the group should pay close attention to the long-standing problem of burglary. Frankly speaking, it is not uncommon to find people complaining about loss of property. Burglars not only spread distrust among residents, but also lower their sense of belonging, as we fail to safeguard their property. This circumstance mirrors security level in our building; it is inconceivably low. We should step up efforts to reduce criminal behavior before more severe crimes are committed.

ii) How can such crime(s) be prevented?

I suggest sending patrol teams to supervise our neighborhood. There are numerous things we can do to alleviate situation by sending patrol teams out into the neighborhood. Patrol members should interrogate suspicious people and notify the police if necessary. This would be conducive to barring burglars from entering our neighborhood. Besides, installing closed-circuit televisions in blind spots would also be a good idea. The installation of surveillance cameras would be cost-effective, as it would economize manpower. Sending patrol teams out is a temporary method as we cannot rely on volunteers in the long run. To crack down hard on criminal activities, establishing an owners' corporation is another must.

iii) Any other matters

It is of utmost importance to gain our residents' support to recruit volunteers. To do so, I suggest that we can distribute leaflets that describe how desperate the current security level is and what has been done to improve it. By handing out leaflets, we could hopefully enhance the residents' trust and willingness to join us. Apart from that, posters could be put up to cultivate a positive image of our group. Also, it is crucial to ensure the safety of the patrol members. All members should patrol in pairs and they should be equipped with walkie-talkies for emergency communications.