

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION AGENDA

City Commission Chambers
Monday, February 2, 2009 6:00 p.m.
MEETING #4744

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

WORK SESSION: Information on Media Campaign for Graffiti Program. Presented by Dr. Larry Corpus

ADJOURNMENT

Graffiti Task Force

Consider graffiti abatement and control from four perspectives:

- **Education**
- **Prevention**
- **Eradication**
- **Enforcement**

Graffiti

- **Deliberate defacing of public or private property without owner permission**
- **Painting**
- **Carving or gouging**
- **Drawing**
- **Scratching**
- **Etching**

Graffiti affects individuals and the community:

- **Damage or defacing private and or public property**
- **Decline in aesthetics**
- **Cost of removal and/or repair**
- **Individual residents feel victimized**
- **Businesses feel victimized**
- **Increased costs to municipalities**
- **Increased taxation to cover increased costs**

Graffiti is more than:

- **Finding the responsible individual(s)**
- **Making responsible individual(s) remove it**
- **Compensating victims**

Graffiti is not:

- an art form**
- a victimless crime**

Graffiti is:

- a community-wide problem that must be addressed by the community working together to understand its causes, effects, and the best ways to address it. The community must be PROACTIVE, not REACTIVE in dealing with graffiti.

"Laws of Graffiti"

**Neighborhoods in decline -
attract graffiti**

**Graffiti that is tolerated -
invites more of the same**

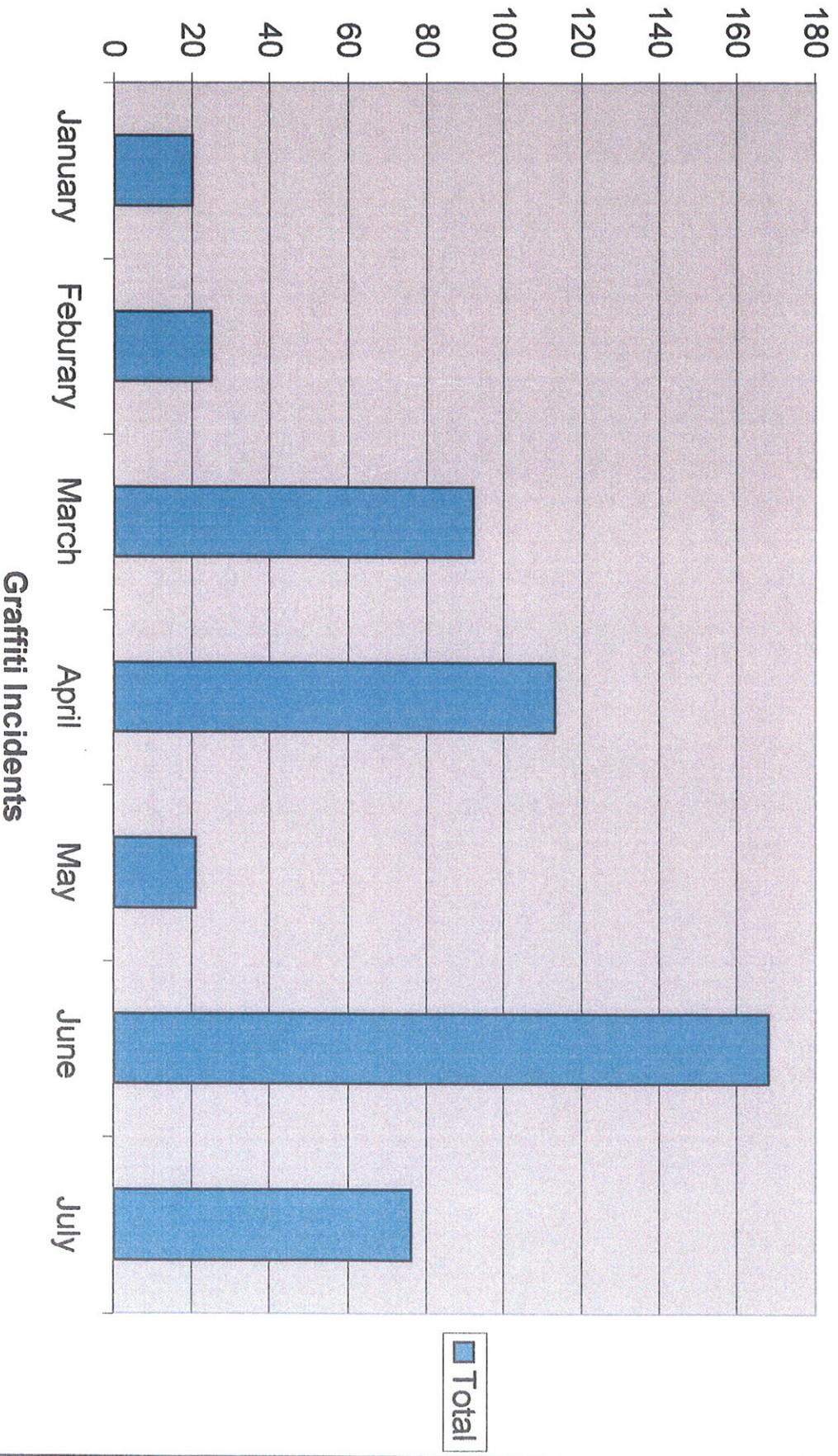
Educating the Graffiti Taskforce

Establish database for:

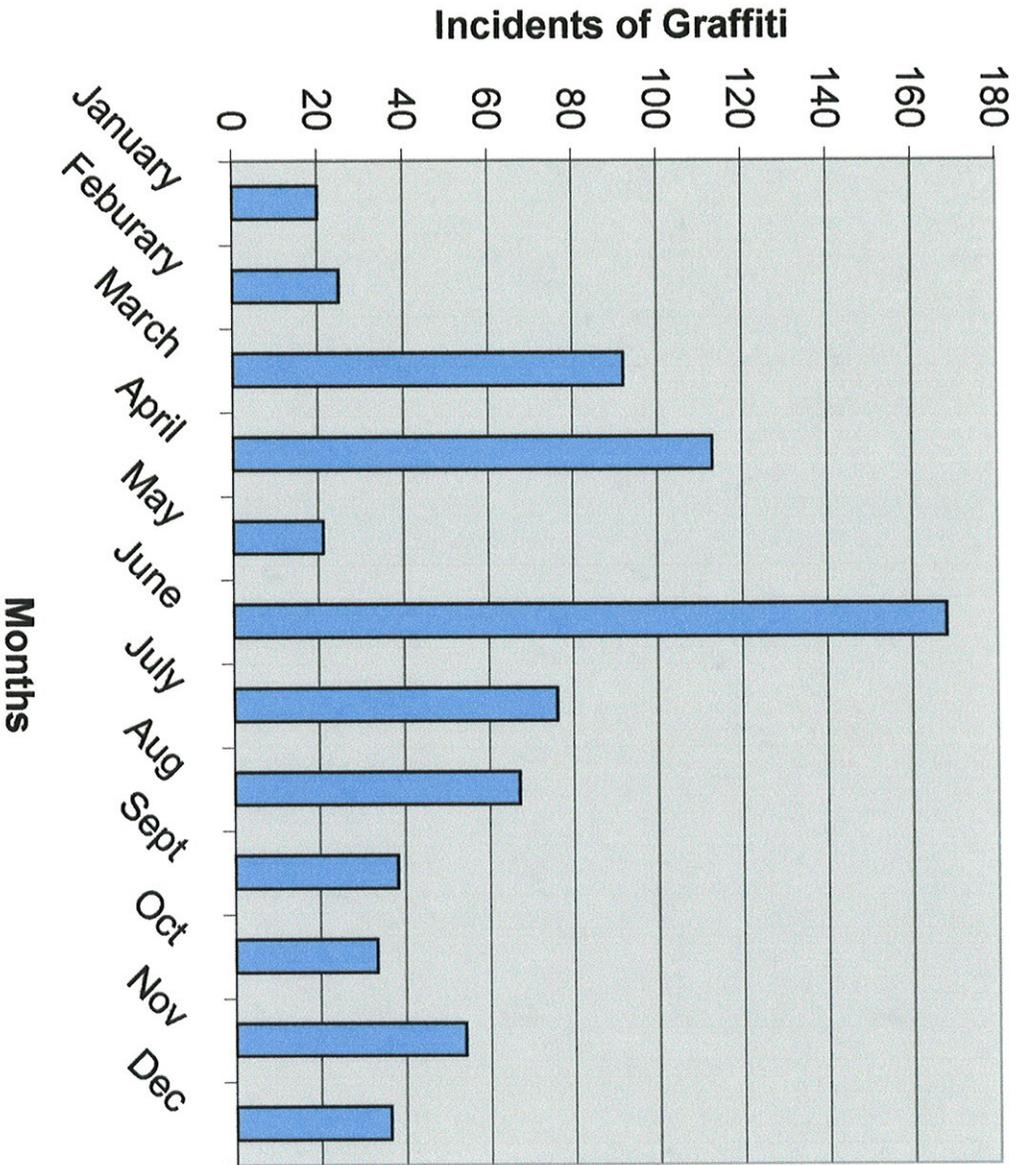
- Locations
- Dates
- Costs of removal
- Document with photographs
- Successes / difficulties in other communities

- Better informed community
- Greater involvement by the community

Total Graffiti in Dodge City 2008 Jan-July



Total Incidents of Graffiti in Dodge City 2008

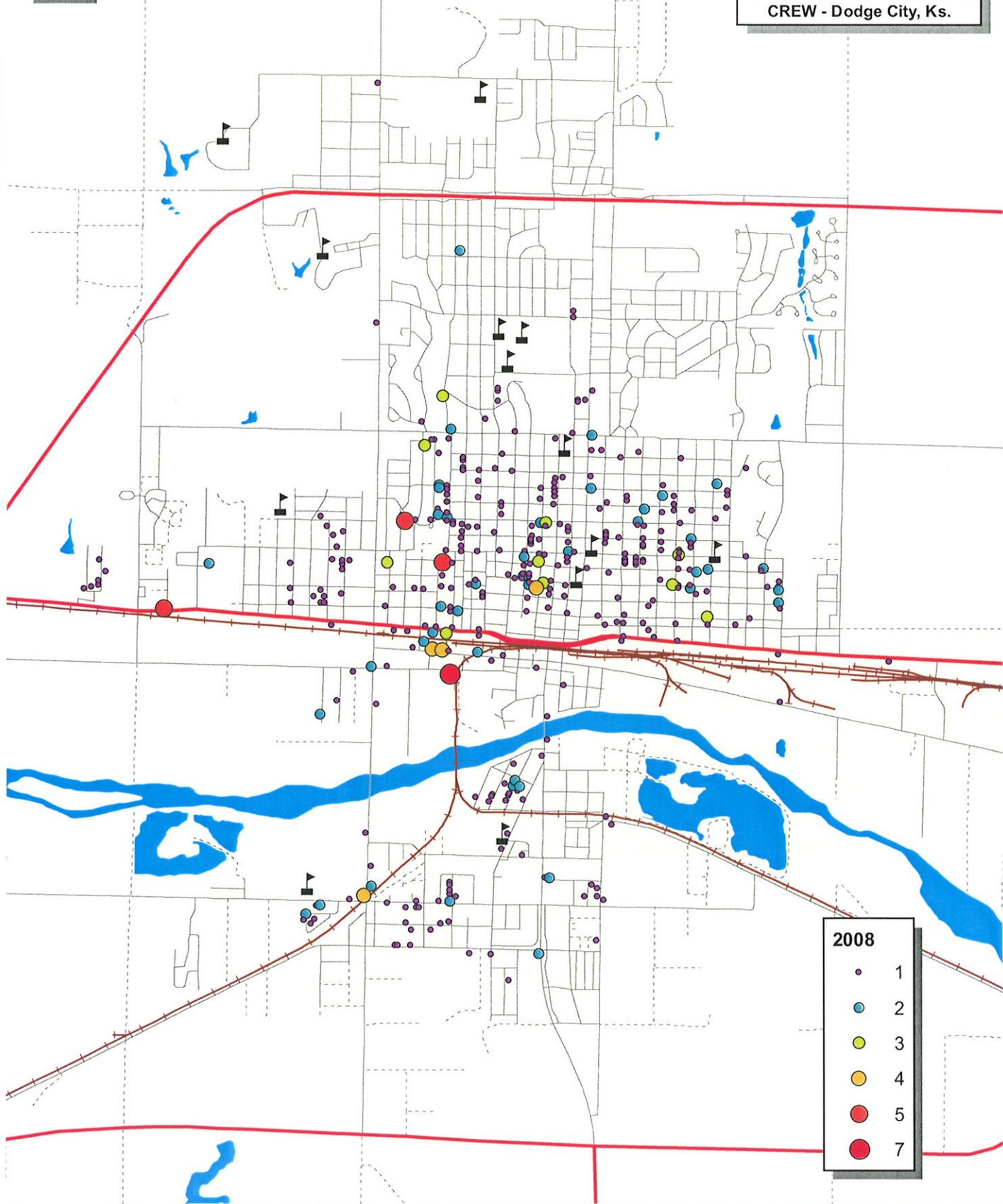


■ Total Incidents of Graffiti: 743



Graffiti Locations

CREW - Dodge City, Ks.



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**DODGE CITY GRAFFITI TASK FORCE
CREATING CLEANER, SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD
TOGETHER!**



Graffiti Vandalism is illegal (code #), unsightly and harmful to a community. The City of Dodge City needs your help in keeping our communities graffiti free. By signing this form, you are authorizing the City to remove graffiti from your property – free of charge. You may also contact Dodge City Graffiti Task Force (contact information below) to request free paint to cover graffiti on your property

Authorization For FREE Graffiti Removal Services

I **authorize** the City of Dodge City (employees or community service workers) and volunteer group approved by the City to attempt to remove unlawful and unwanted graffiti from my property without charge using available methods and equipment.

This property currently has graffiti (check one) yes no

If yes, location of graffiti? _____ (fence, garage, etc.)

I **do not authorize** the City of Dodge City to remove graffiti from my property. However, if I receive a Notice of Violation from the City, I understand that I **must remove the graffiti from my property within 48 hours (non-residential property) and 72 hours (residential property) from the date of notification.**

Please help us understand the reason for non-consent: _____

Address _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Note: When authorizing graffiti removal, the owner or responsible party that the City of Dodge City or its contractor does not guarantee the structural or aesthetic soundness of the areas from which graffiti will be removed and that even in the exercise of due care, damage or injury to real or personal property may result from this activity. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Dodge City, their officers, agents, employees, and servants, from and against any and all claims, liability, expense, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damage of any nature what whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or connected with the City of Dodge Cities graffiti removal activities.

**DODGE CITY GRAFFITI TASK FORCE
CREATING CLEANER, SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER**

Graffiti Prevention

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

Protect your property by making it less accessible and attractive to graffiti vandals.

- Plant short shrubs & plants with needles and thorns –create a barrier around your property
- Plant vines and climbing plants along fences & walls
- Trim shrubs and weeds – remove items which create hiding places
- Secure gates, repair fences, & relocate items that intruders can use to scale fences and walls.
- Install outdoor lighting – consider lights that come on when they sense movement.
- Apply protective sealer to make graffiti cleanup quicker and easier.
- Provide lighting to high graffiti area to deter vandals.

GRAFFITI STOPS WITH US!

Remove it-Report it

Every time it appears-Every where it appears

DODGE CITY GRAFFITI TASK FORCE
716 E. MILITARY
DODGE CITY KS 87801

Important Numbers:

To Report Graffiti on Public and Private Property Call: 227-4646

To Request Free Assistance in covering Graffiti call: 225-8148

To Request information on how to organize a "paint-out" team in you area: 225-8148

To Report Litter & Illegal Dumping: 225-8105

Adopt-A-Highway: 225-8148

Crime Stoppers:

Website: dodgecity.org/CREW
Email: debr@dodgecity.org

Graffiti Where Does It Stop

Creating Cleaner, Safer Neighborhoods Together

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DODGE CITY KS 87801

To Report Graffiti Call:
620-227-4676



Graffiti – Where Does It Stop

The City of Dodge City has an ordinance change calling for quicker cleanup of graffiti. What does that mean to you? It means that **together**, you and the City are saying “We’re proud of Dodge City, and graffiti vandalism will not be tolerated here!

Here’s a review of some of the aspects of the ordinance..

- **Quick graffiti cleanup** - Turnaround time after notification (once posted, **48 hours for non-residential property and 72 hours for residential property**)
- **Free graffiti-removal-removal assistance** from the City, upon request
- **Shared Responsibility** –for graffiti abatement



Together We Can Prevent Graffiti!

Prevent Graffiti: Get the Facts

How is our community really “hurt” by graffiti?

Graffiti sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency to the neighborhood.

Graffiti drains tax dollars. Funds that could be used for schools, roads, parks, and other community improvements, are used for graffiti clean up.

Graffiti decreases a residents’ feeling of safety. Neighborhoods with graffiti see a decrease in property values, loss of business growth and tourism, and a reduced ridership on transit systems.

What is the best way to prevent graffiti?

- Remove it promptly. Studies show that removal within 24 to 48 hours results in a nearly zero rate of recurrence.
- Consistent enforcement with strict penalties for graffiti vandalism.
- Prompt reporting of graffiti.
- Citizens “adopting a spot” or monitoring a area to keep in graffiti free.
- Mural Development in high graffiti areas. Paint-brush mural are almost never hit with graffiti.

Graffiti Abatement Survey

Please provide feedback to the Task Force about how you feel graffiti vandalism should be handled in Dodge City

Should the City be the primary entity responsible for graffiti removal?

- Share with property owner
 Property owner responsible
 City responsible

- Residential owners
 Business owners
 Commercial Property

Should Business owners be responsible for their own graffiti removal?

- Share with City
 Business owners responsible
 City responsible

- First Removal
 Second Removal
 Written Notice

Report to us what steps we all need to take to keep your neighborhood graffiti free:

To volunteer or learn more Graffiti Task Force

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____

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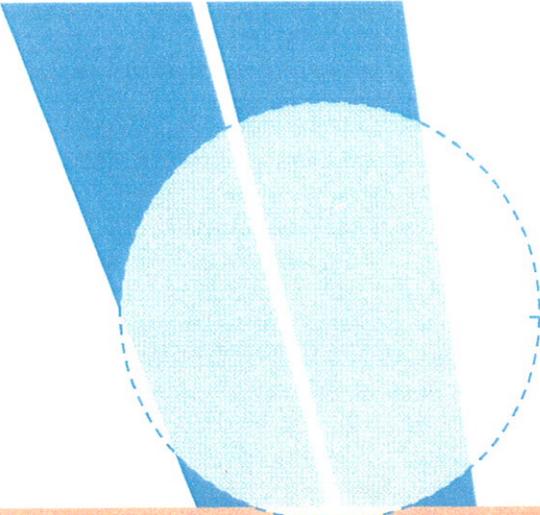
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Graffiti Prevention

- **Environmental design**
 - Security cameras
 - Entangling vegetation
 - No-surface fencing
- **Support activities**
 - Visit and view graffiti

Graffiti Prevention

- **Community-wide projects**
 - Neighborhood watch
 - Engage At-Risk youth
 - Peer Partnership programs
 - Adopt-a-spot



Graffiti Stops with You

“THE GREAT DODGE CITY BRUSH OFF”

The City of Dodge City has an ordinance calling for quicker cleanup of graffiti.

What does this mean to you?

It means that together, you and the City are saying “we’re proud of Dodge City, and graffiti vandalism will not be tolerated here!”

What can you do?

- Promptly Remove graffiti from your property
- Report all graffiti vandalism in your community - **227-4676**
- Promptly request **free** assistance for graffiti you are unable to remove - **225-8148**
- Request free paint to help keep the dumpsters, signs, etc. in your neighborhood graffiti-free.
- Protect and clean your property -make it less accessible and attractive to graffiti vandals.

Quicker graffiti cleanup turnaround time –means you have **48 hours** for non-residential property and **72 hours** for residential property.

You have from _____
to remove your graffiti.



www.dodgecity.org/crew

Where Does It Stop

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It means that together, you and the City are saying

"We're proud of Dodge City, and graffiti vandalism will not be tolerated here!"



"Help me keep Dodge City Beautiful by cleaning up graffiti as soon as possible."

*Corrina
Kid Zone*

What can you do?

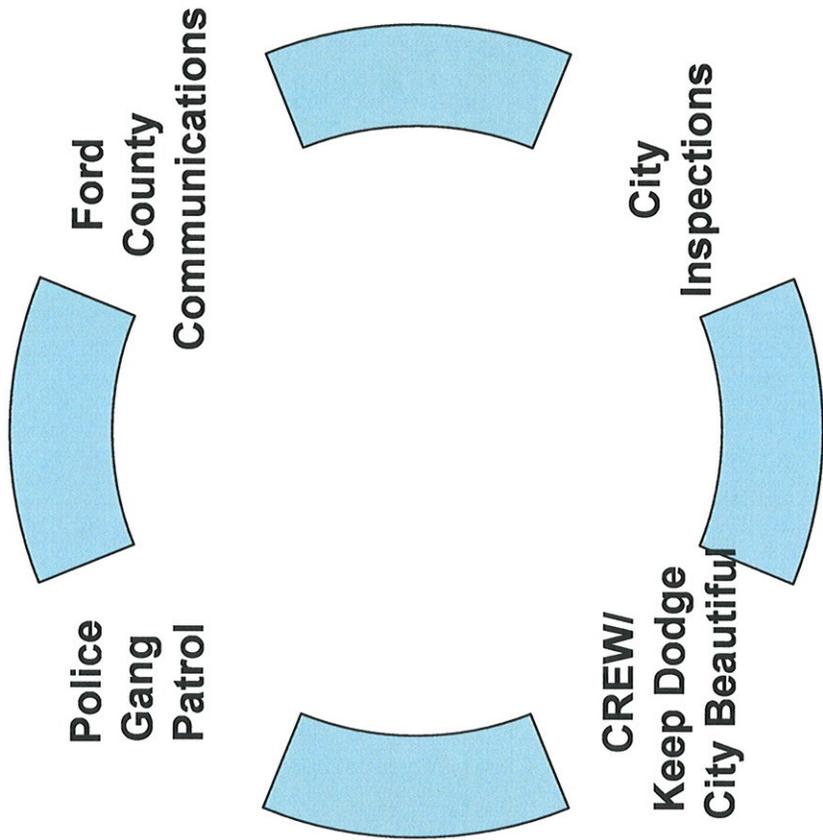
- Remove graffiti from your property within 48 hours
- Request free assistance to have graffiti removed from your property if you are unable -225-8148

Graffiti Stops with You! The Great Dodge City Brush off

Report graffiti vandalism at 227-4676

Graffiti Eradication

- **On-going, continual assessment**
 - Determine patterns
- **Document all sites and tagging incidents**
- **Consider removal kits and coupons**
- **Immediate elimination (if possible)**



Enforcement Policies

- **Graffiti ordinances**
 - Review and update periodically
 - Clearly stated consequences
- **Establish communication "flow chart"**
 - Eradication personnel
 - Police
 - Court system
 - Community corrections

ORDINANCE NO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DODGE CITY:

SECTION 1: Chapter IV, Article 6, of the Code of Dodge City (hereinafter referred to as "the Code") is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken and by inserting the language underscored, within Chapter IV, Article 6 of the Code as follows:

[Subsections (4-601.1) through (4-615.8) are not affected by this ordinance, and are not shown here for editorial convenience]

4-615.9 Defacement of property. No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti. ~~It shall be the responsibility of the owner (or tenant if the lease so stipulates) to restore said surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair.~~ The Graffiti Ordinance (Chapter VIII, Article 7 of the Dodge City Code) shall be the primary enforcement mechanism for this provision.

[Subsections (4-616.10) through (4-641.6) are not affected by this ordinance, and are not shown here for editorial convenience]

SECTION 2: Chapter IV, Article 7, of the Code of Dodge City (hereinafter referred to as "the Code") is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken and by inserting the language underscored, within Chapter IV, Article 7 of the Code as follows:

[Subsections (4-701) through (4-709) are not affected by this ordinance, and are not shown here for editorial convenience]

4-710. NUISANCES, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES. If any order issued and served in accordance with this article is not complied with within the time specified therein, the structure with respect to which the order has been issued is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person that has knowledge of this issuance of the order to occupy it as a human habitation, or use the structure or any part thereof, or to suffer or permit same, or any part thereof, to be occupied as a human habitation or use therefore, any person violating this article or failing to comply therewith shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of an unclassified violation, and shall be punished by a fine of less than \$50 for each and every offense, and each day that any such violation or failure to

comply continues or is allowed to continue shall constitute and be a separate and distinct offense. A nuisance which would otherwise constitute "defacement" and "Graffiti Vandalism" as defined in Chapter VIII, Section 702 of this Code and where such defacement and Graffiti Vandalism was not initiated by the owner or rightful possessor of the defaced property shall be excluded from enforcement under this Section. (Ord. 2866, Sect. 11)

[Subsections (4-711) through (4-713) are not affected by this ordinance, and are not shown here for editorial convenience]

SECTION 3: Chapter VIII, Article 7 of the Code of the City of Dodge City is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows within Chapter VII, Article 7 of the Code:

ARTICLE 7. GRAFFITI NUISANCE

8-701. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The City Commission of the City of Dodge City finds and declares that defacing of public or private property by painting, drawing, writing, etching, or carving, by use of paint, spray paint, ink, knife, or any similar method, commonly referred to as "graffiti vandalism", constitutes a serious and growing menace, injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the residents of the city; that graffiti vandalism contributes substantially to the spread of violence and crime; and that prompt eradication of graffiti vandalism is necessary to control the spread of graffiti vandalism, and promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents of the city.

8-702 Definitions

(a) "Aerosol paint container" means any aerosol container that is adapted or made for the purpose of applying spray paint or other similar substances capable of defacing property.

(b) "Aerosol paint dealer" means Every person who owns, conducts, operates, or manages a retail business located within the city boundaries which sells or otherwise trades in aerosol paint containers.

~~(a)~~(c) "City" means the City of Dodge City, Kansas.
~~(b)~~(d) "Deface" means to mar the appearance of something by removing, distorting, adding to, or covering all or a part of.
~~(e)~~(e) "Graffiti vandalism" means any unauthorized defacement of public or private property by means of painting, drawing, writing, etching, or carving, by use of paint, spray paint, ink, knife, or any similar method.
~~(d)~~(f) "Owner" means any person having the right to possession and/or control of any property, real or personal, located within the city boundaries.

8-703. **DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE.** All property defaced by graffiti vandalism which is visible to public view is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and it shall be the duty of the owner of any building or property that has been defaced by graffiti to clean up or otherwise cover such graffiti, and the graffiti shall be eradicated as set forth in this chapter. Notification to the police department is desirable.

8-704. **IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI WITHOUT NOTICE AUTHORIZED.** Subsequent to a determination that the activity meets the definition of "graffiti vandalism" as set out in section 8-701 of this Article, whenever any city employee person authorized to enforce this chapter section who finds graffiti vandalism on any property within the city which can be seen by any person using any public right-of-way, street, or alley, such authorized person may forthwith temporarily obliterate such graffiti vandalism, or cause the same to be temporarily obliterated, by the least destructive or damaging means then practically available. For purposes of this section, the city may designate any agents, paid or volunteer, who may be authorized to participate in enforcement of this section.

8-705. LIMITATIONS ON STORAGE OF AEROSOL PAINT CONTAINERS FOR SALE

(a) Every Aerosol paint dealer shall display and store the aerosol paint containers in an area in an area inaccessible to the general public without employee assistance or in a locked container accessible only by employee key during the

regular course of business.

(b) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00 for a first violation of this Section, up to \$100.00 for a second violation of this Section, and up to \$500.00 for a third or subsequent violation of this Section.

8-705. 8-706. CONCURRENT REMEDIES. The abatement procedures set forth in this Chapter for defaced property shall not be exclusive and shall not restrict the city from concurrently enforcing other city ordinances, or pursuing any other remedy provided by law.

8-706. 8-707. ENFORCEMENT - PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED. In addition to all law enforcement officers, the following personnel employed by the city shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(1) All authorized personnel under the direction of the City Manager.

8-707. 8-708. RIGHT OF ENTRY. The authorized personnel are hereby expressly authorized to enter upon private property at all reasonable hours, as defined from sunrise to sunset, for the purpose of eradicating such graffiti in a manner not inconsistent with this ordinance.

8-708. 8-709. UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or to attempt to prevent the authorized personnel from entering upon any such lot or piece of ground or from proceeding with such eradication and removal. Such interference shall constitute an ordinance violation. (Ord. 3168)

8-710. CRIMINAL GRAFFITI DAMAGE, OFFENSE DEFINED. Criminal graffiti damage is hereby defined as: Intentionally making any inscription, work, figure or design marked, scratched, etched, drawn or painted with spray paint, liquid paint, ink, chalk, dye or other similar substances on buildings, fences, structures and similar places without the express permission of the owner or operator of the property.

8-711. CRIMINAL GRAFFITI DAMAGE, PENALTIES.

(a) Criminal graffiti damage is a Class A violation. Upon a first violation of this section, the offender shall be fined not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$2500.00 and shall be sentenced to a minimum jail term of 48 hours imprisonment to a maximum of one year imprisonment and shall not be eligible for parole, house arrest, work release, probation or other release until completion of the minimum jail term of 48 hours. In addition to any other fines or costs assessed, the offender shall be ordered to participate in the removal or the amelioration of the defacement where practicable or perform other community service as directed by the court and also to pay any restitution to the victim of such defacement where known.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take full force and effect 180 days after its passage and publication.

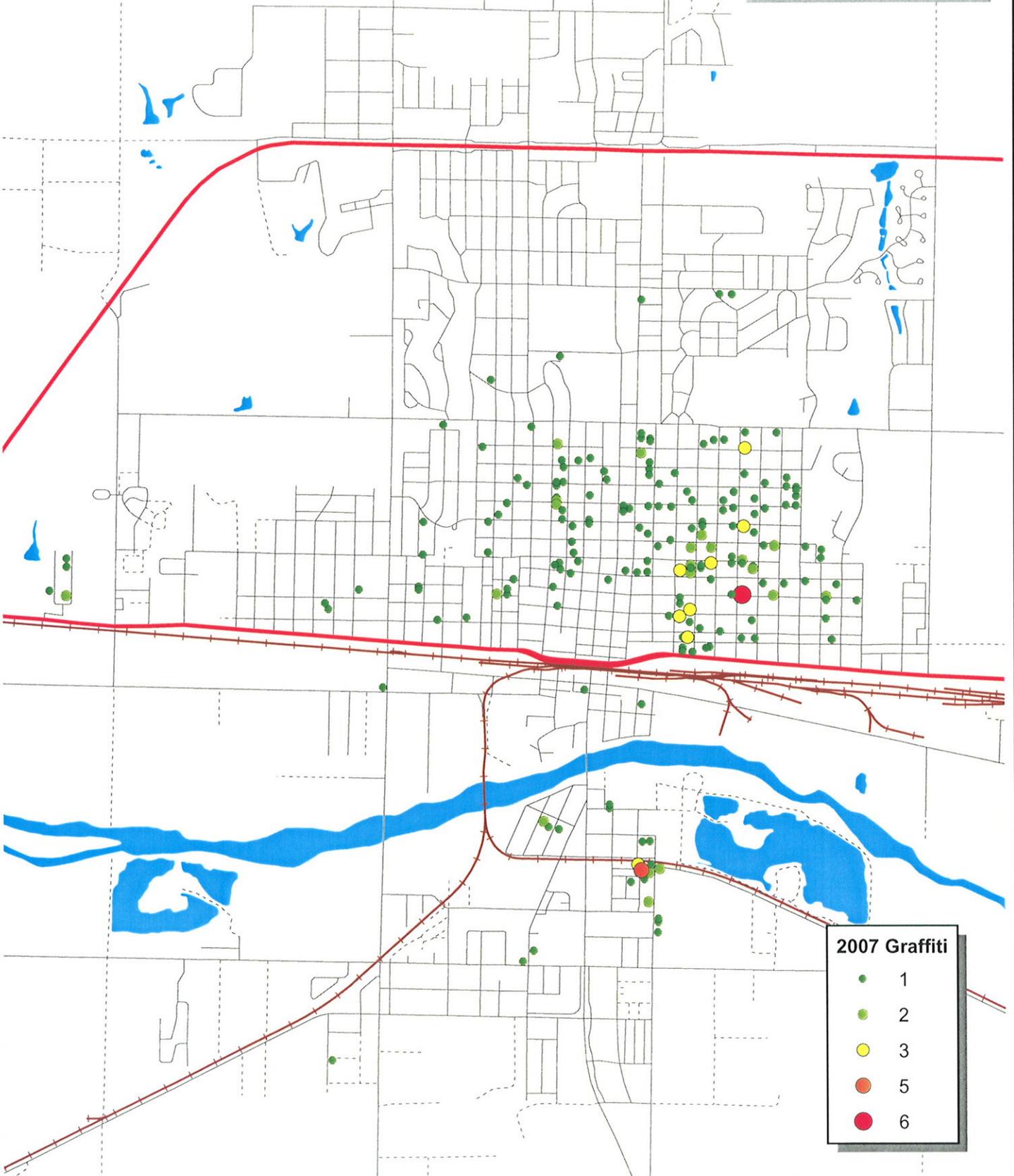
Lessons learned thus far:

- **Many incidents occur seasonally**
- **Most incidents are gang-related**
- **Most incidents are site-specific and nonrandom**
- **Most incidents related to litter and deteriorated conditions**
- **Incidents appear to be moving**



Graffiti Locations

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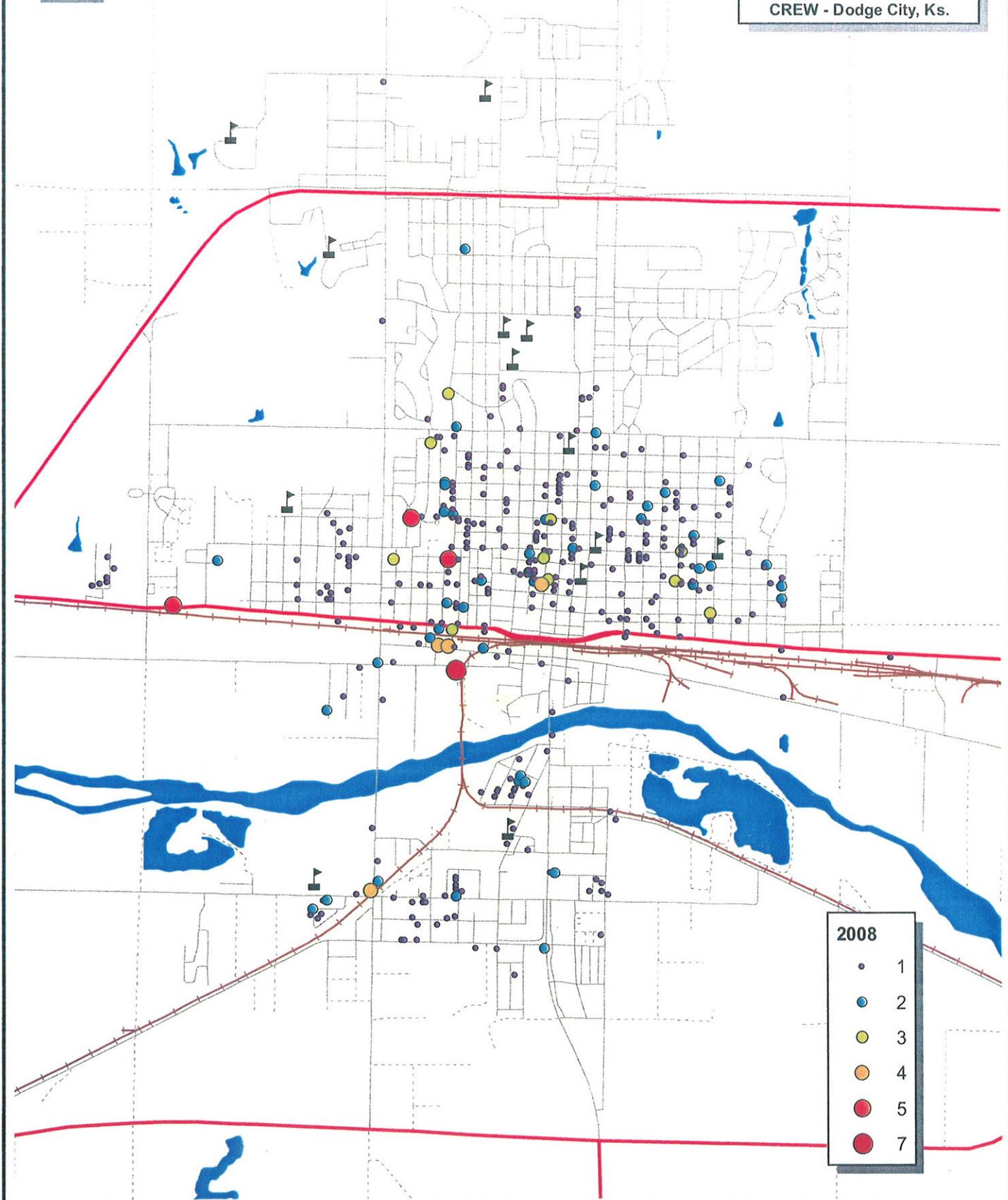


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Graffiti Locations

CREW - Dodge City, Ks.



Dodge City Graffiti Task Force Comprehensive Plan

Background: The Dodge City Graffiti Task Force was organized by Keep Dodge City Beautiful in the summer of 2008. It was convened in response to the yearly growth of the graffiti abatement services offered by the Keep Dodge City Beautiful and CREW recycling staff members. The membership is made up of City agencies, community members, business and nonprofit organizations. The member agencies are concerned by the increase of this very visible sign of vandalism and disorder.

The intent of the formation of the Graffiti Task Force is the recognition of the fact that: A graffiti-free community is only possible through an organized, multi-tiered anti-graffiti effort. The effort should include dedicated resources and persons responsible for implementing policies across agencies and jurisdictions.

The Graffiti Project Goals:

- ✓ Collect data for assessment and evaluation of the graffiti problem within Dodge City
- ✓ To initiate various evidence based graffiti prevention and eradication strategies to address all 4 components of the comprehensive plan.
- ✓ Immediate removal & abatement of graffiti public & private properties within Dodge City (48 –public, 72 –private)
- ✓ Provide Community education and resources for youth and adults about the impact of graffiti vandalism on their neighborhoods and their community.
- ✓ Develop strong, fair, and enforceable ordinances to support graffiti eradication and prevention

Keep Dodge City Beautiful/Graffiti Task Force members envision a city free of graffiti within 3 years. The Task Forces goals & mission have been to develop in a 4-pronged component approach to graffiti elimination. These 4 components consist of Education, Enforcement, Eradication, and Prevention

The Core Principles of the Plan:

Each component of the plan was developed to follow certain core principles developed by Task Force

- 1.) Policies and practices to combat graffiti must include integration of education, enforcement, eradication and prevention.
- 2.) Graffiti vandalism, as defined by ordinance is a crime.

- 3.) Education about respect for property and the consequences of illegal graffiti should be available to all community members. The Education will consist of variety of objectives that intend to foster more community ownership in addressing the causes of graffiti in our community.
- 4.) A role of graffiti enforcement is to establish swift and relevant penalties for violators.
- 5.) Individuals found guilty of vandalism and other graffiti related crimes should be held accountable to the community and victim for their crime. Included in this will be restitution and community service which is particular to crime.
- 6.) Community members and the City of Dodge City should embrace a zero tolerance attitude towards graffiti vandalism and foster an expectation for its removal.
- 7.) Graffiti removal is to be a shared responsibility between the City and property owners. Assistance should be provided to those residential and business-owners unable to adequately remove graffiti due to an undue burden.
- 8.) Community members should be empowered with strategies and tools to prevent graffiti. Included in this are opportunities to develop their own neighborhood programs and/or watches.
- 9.) Community members, children in particular, should have access to positive role modeling within their neighborhoods. The city will serve as a lead advocate for the development of positive outlets for community members to volunteer their skills and time to improve their neighborhoods.
- 10.) The community should provide ongoing leadership and coordination to ensure that there are adequate resources to make the anti-graffiti efforts more effective and efficient.

The plan includes the following actions:

- **Educational Components:**
 - Media Components: Effectively communicate anti-graffiti strategies out to the community through use of Cable TV & Radio PSA's, English & Spanish. Include in this education about respect for property, current ordinances, graffiti prevention ideals, and aspects of community/ neighborhood pride.
 - Comprehensive School Curriculum (K-12),-Create developmentally appropriate curriculum that increases the fundamental understanding of the value of property by children and families. Included in this: Teacher education, Classroom education, Community Programming –DARE

officers, Citizenship Education –at all levels in the school district.

- Education Community about Current Ordinance –provide education to all community residents about the consequences of illegal graffiti. Effectively communicate anti-graffiti strategies through the City's Communication networks and other forms of media (such as; Neighborhood Watch programming, Business improvement programming, Chamber of Commerce, local papers and news outlets, and the internet.)
- Education of Victims –Provide victims with strategies to prevent the re-occurrence of the graffiti vandalism, encourage quick reporting of the graffiti. Education will be provided by: City Inspectors providing education packets, city staff (CREW) providing education when graffiti sites are covered, and Police officers which writing reports on the incidents.
- Provide Victim Assistance –Provide graffiti abatement services through the CREW/Keep Dodge City Beautiful to assist victims who are financially or physically challenged in removing graffiti. Develop programs/partnerships with local neighborhood organizations such as Church or Community groups to provide assistance to cover graffiti. Free paint supplies are available through the local Household Hazardous Waste program.
- Clean Up area to deter crime –The City and it's partner volunteer organizations will prioritize litter clean up programming in areas that receive more frequent or intense "tagging". The clean up programs will focus on the development of local pride & shared responsible with neighborhood residents to "take back" their neighborhoods. (Broken Window Theory)
- Engage Local Law Enforcement –Improve law enforcement's ability to impact graffiti related crimes through police community outreach. Law enforcement will approach community residents and promote "ownership" and target resources at the local level to ensure anti-graffiti effort. Gang detail will "get to know" neighborhood leaders and encourage responsible citizenship.
- Retailer Education –Responsible Retailer Program –Educate local retailers to monitor the sales of spray paint to minors. Encourage the develop of compliance checks regarding spray paint sales.

- "Take It To The Community" –Provide for direct educational programming for community members. Meet with church, social service, community & work based groups to educate about them about graffiti and how it affects the community of Dodge City.
- **Enforcement Components:**
 - Ordinance Development - Development of ordinances which provide for shared responsibility between victim and City for graffiti abatement in a timely fashion. Provide for policies/ordinances to provide security to spray paint and sales in City of Dodge City.
 - Review Current Ordinance – Work with the City and with other government entities to routinely examine all anti-graffiti laws, rules, policies and practices. To provide recommendations for changes to laws/ordinances and policies.
 - Work with Court System –Explore implementation of ordinances which create meaningful community service and monitor meaningful consequences for graffiti offenses. Provide graffiti offenders with community service -specific to graffiti removal. Use of restorative practices which provide the offender accountability to the victim and to the community where the offense has occurred.
 - Put Graffiti Vandals "On Notice" -Media to announce police "crack down" on graffiti, Police cars/Policeman visually present in high graffiti areas, Direct signs in high graffiti areas stating penalties for being caught, Media covering the arrest of graffiti offenders.
 - Focus on "Hot Spots" –Selection of "hot spots" will be based on abatement frequency and will be incorporated into enforcement efforts. Utilize citizen police auxiliary organizations in anti-graffiti efforts. Encourage and support police/community partnerships in local graffiti "stings".
 - Communication –Provide for the development of a communication system between agencies partnering on graffiti abatement and enforcement.
- **Eradication Components:**
 - Graffiti Assessment/Database -Create a shared Graffiti Database in cooperation between City and other public and private entities to document graffiti and tie specific offenses to a specific offender(s). The data base should provide tracking regarding both the incidence and

abatement of graffiti vandalism –including information about type, color, and structure vandalized. The database will create baseline information to determine the amount of graffiti in and across the city.

- Graffiti Removal Trailer –Development and utilization of a trailer which will house and store all materials needed for quick abatement of graffiti. Encourage the development of community partnership in use of the trailer.
- Graffiti Abatement “Hot Spot” Coverage – The City should prioritize abatement operations on major thoroughfares, high visibility areas, and areas of frequent tagging. Designate these areas as “zones” that receive more frequent and intense removal, enforcement and prevention efforts.
- Abatement Strategy Evaluation -Maintain abatement strategies which are clear, effective, and based on evidence based strategies. Reevaluate methods to determine which is leading to the lowest reoccurrence rate. Maintain data to support the most effective method. Allow for graffiti abatement to be the least obtuse to their property and environment. (Spot color vs. white)
- Offer Removal Kits – Explore the cost and use of a “color match” paint system. Offer residents basic materials to cover their own graffiti through a voucher system to local paint retailer. Provide for solicitation of government, business, and private foundations for funding these efforts should be conducted. City Inspectors and/or Police drop off kits/vouchers at homes of victims.
- Community groups –Coordinate, train and mobilize neighborhood organizations and volunteer programs to prevent, document and abate graffiti vandalism.

• **Prevention Component :**

- Adopt a Spot –Engage community/neighborhood groups to clean and implement graffiti programs at the community level including graffiti education, training, and clean up activities. Target and maintain high graffiti spots.
- Engage At –Risk-Youth –Increase children and youth access and exposure to positive and monitored alternative community service activities.
- Community Wide Mural projects –Create and support anti-graffiti mural programs in community and public spaces.
- Peer Partnership Programs –Provide for opportunities for High Risk to receive role modeling from peer youth on citizenship

projects. Encourage partnership between school youth citizen programming and court service appointed programming.

- o Neighborhood Watch –Provide for a Staff person to develop contacts within local neighborhoods communities. Coordinate and train local volunteers to take over leadership of their program. Encourage development of system to monitor and report behavior at the local level.
- o Crime Prevention through Environmental Design -Lighting high graffiti area, Use of plants, fences, pavement treatment
- o "Clean Up" areas with high graffiti "Broken Window" theory
- o Activity Support –encouraging legitimate activity in public spaces to discourage crime.