

Youth Groups: Ages 13-18, very fluid, move in/out, kids from Chicago, Niles, Des Plaines and Park Ridge
Social Media moves them around
These groups not new – issue last several years

Ideas/Suggestions

- Hold parents accountable for kids – e.g. make parents do community service with kids, parental accountability ordinances
- Parent sponsored events for weekends (Friday and Saturday), every PTO , etc. takes a weekend May – Aug
- Police assigned to D-64 classes for education
- Make this incident a teachable moment- talk to kids at the beginning of school
- Increase Parent Patrol – groups of parents/college grads/peers may have a larger impact than Police
- Reinstate Task Force to focus on this
- City wide campaign – Making Good Choices
- Youth Outreach workers in the Parks and Community to engage young people
- Fund Youth Drop-In Center
- Create laws that prohibit large groups, etc. – give police tools
- Text-A-Tip
- 911 Call boxes in Parks, e.g. poles with a blue light on them
- Message from Community Leaders that all parents should sit down with their kids and talk about this incident with their kids
- Have the police put the “fear of God” into the kids

Action Steps I have taken

- I have been in touch with K. Wallace from D-207. We will be doing a presentation to all students at Maine South, the first week of school
- We are working on Maine East
- I have prepared a letter to the Editor regarding a “Making good Choices” campaign
- We are having a meeting with park District Staff