

## Community Focus Statement C: Improve public and equestrian safety within Muscoy.

**Action Statement C.3: Partner with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, County Fire Department, local safety experts, and insurance companies to educate property owners on securing homes and businesses.**

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**Benchmark:** A decrease in property-related crimes is achieved and educational material on securing homes and businesses available to every resident in Muscoy. Two safety-related workshops are hosted per year.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** variable, depending on programs held



Examples of outdoor security lighting and cameras to deter crime. Photo source: Pixabay, Antranias

Property owners are capable of updating their homes or businesses to enhance safety, but they could find the best approach to be overwhelming. Muscoy identified that crime and violence, as well as a lack of lighting and security cameras, make parts of the community unsafe to walk through at night. In addition, illegal parties with drinking and drugs can increase local crime and decrease the safety of community. Through engagement and education of property owners by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, County Fire Department, local safety experts, and insurance companies, these concerns can be addressed on individual properties. Property owners can enhance the security of their home or business while simultaneously increasing the safety of the community.

Partnerships with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department will provide property owners with educational resources and local perspectives on how to best secure private properties in Muscoy. Local safety experts and insurance companies can also provide valuable safety information and educate property owners. Evaluation of the existing security of properties in Muscoy can increase the effectiveness of education and outreach to target areas that are currently susceptible to crime. The lack of lighting and security cameras identified by the community could be addressed by workshops on lighting placement or effective signage for security monitoring. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, County Fire Department, local safety experts, and insurance companies could provide suggestions about technical resources, estimated costs, and anticipated benefits of safety and security updates.

Coordinating security surveys, organizing educational workshops and demonstrations, and reaching out to homes and businesses that have previously experienced a property crime could build and strengthen community partnerships and increase safety throughout Muscoy. By working with individual property owners to increase security, the community can create a network of safer, stronger neighborhoods. Additionally, by coming together in the form of workshops and demonstrations, community members can share their own successes about products

and security improvements that have worked in their own experience. Partnerships could also be formed between neighborhood watch programs (Action Statement C.1) and the Muscoy Citizen Patrol (Action Statement C.2). Educating property owners and building relationships with local safety resources may also strengthen the community's ability to respond in an emergency, such a natural hazard.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Work with community organizations, residents, and business owners to identify security needs in the community.	Champion, Neighborhood Watch groups, Citizens Patrol	Years 1 – 3	Consumer Reports: 14 ways to make your home more secure <a href="http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2014/06/14-ways-to-make-your-home-more-secure/index.htm">http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2014/06/14-ways-to-make-your-home-more-secure/index.htm</a>
2. Host regular community meetings and workshops about securing homes and businesses against crime and property damage. Provide information and resources to residents and property owners. Host meetings at least twice a year.	Champion, Neighborhood watch groups, Citizen Patrol	Years 1 – 3	National Institute of Justice: Crime and Crime Prevention – Property Crime <a href="https://www.crimesolutions.gov/TopicDetails.aspx?ID=21">https://www.crimesolutions.gov/TopicDetails.aspx?ID=21</a>  CalFire: Wildfire Protection <a href="http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/wildfireprotection">http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/wildfireprotection</a>
3. Publicize information about securing homes and businesses against crime and property damage, including potential financial resources, available in a community facility and online, in all commonly spoken languages in Muscoy.	Neighborhood watch groups, Citizen Patrol	Years 1 – 3	FEMA: Home Builder's Guide to Construction in Wildfire Zones <a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1652-20490-4085/fema_p_737.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1652-20490-4085/fema_p_737.pdf</a>
4. Explore the feasibility of a grant, revolving loan, or other financial incentive mechanism to encourage property owners to secure their buildings against crime and property damage.	Neighborhood watch groups, Citizen Patrol	Years 1 – 3	
5. Establish a program to provide free property evaluations and safety consultations with local property owners.	Neighborhood watch groups, Citizen Patrol	Years 1 – 3	