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**Community Topic: Safety and You**

\*Presenter: Sergeant Warren Avery\*

**Recap of FSSRI/TEECH 2024: Dr. White**

**Community Collaborations:** The initiative has successfully engaged with 13 areas.

Additionally, the community of Dolton, Illinois has reached out, and FSSRI is currently working with them.

- West Englewood
- Auburn Gresham
- Beverly
- Morgan Park
- Roseland North-East
- Mount Greenwood
- Pullman
- Evergreen Park
- Robbins Illinois Southwest
- Oak Lawn
- Hegewisch
- South Deering
- Hammond Indiana

**FSSRI Goals:**

- Establish long-term relationships within the Far South Side of Chicago communities.
- Transform the long-standing dynamics of segregation and secrecy.

## **FSSRI Accomplishments:**

The South Side ROSC Initiative has gained buy-in from individuals in active addiction and recovery, their families, friends, community stakeholders, and those with mental health issues. These collaborations have significantly relieved the Far South Side by bridging gaps and providing education and resources to support those in active addiction and recovery, as well as their families, friends, communities, and individuals with mental health issues

## **Who resides on the Far South Side of Chicago?**

The Far South Side of Chicago is home to approximately 76,000 residents, with around 98% being people of color. More than 65% of the population is either unemployed or not participating in the labor market.

## **Community Engagement:**

- FSSTI hosted six community events and co-hosted thirteen additional events.
- FSSRI added sixteen new ROSC Council members and organizations.
- FSSRI assisted various PLE (Persons with Lived Experience) in gaining education, employment, housing, and resources.

## **Health and Safety:**

- Distributed 2,880 Narcan Kits and trained 642 individuals on Narcan.
- Installed 30 Naloxone (Narcan) mountable boxes in establishments, with plans to add more.
- Distributed 1,500 COVID tests and 4,500 masks.

## **Support Services:**

- From January to June 2024, FSSRI distributed 2,340 Ora Quick HIV In-home self-testing kits.
- Placed Recovery Coaches in hospitals.
- Provided recovery support services to ninety-one returning citizens.
- Conducted Narcan trainings and placed Narcan in senior buildings.
- CAPS hosts monthly meetings in all communities.

## **Religious Institutions:**

- Certifying congregations and recognizing them as part of the multiple Pathways.

## **Healthcare Improvements:**

- Healthcare for seniors has improved through UChicago Medicine.

## **Community Enhancements:**

- **West Englewood:** Affordable housing redevelopment, Fifth Third Bank opened, and a community farm.

- **Auburn Gresham:** Neighborhood health club, Oxford House (Burbank/Auburn Gresham), Fresh Fruit Market (Pete's Grocery), Trilogy Mental Health Center, Save-a-lot reopened, and Holy Cross just opened a 28-day treatment program.
- **Beverly:** CPD reports a drop in crime, Beyond Healing Counseling Therapeutic Services.
- **Washington Heights:** Biomedical Research building and affordable housing redevelopment.
- **Mount Greenwood:** Discussions on transforming an empty grocery store and abandoned property into new apartment buildings, stores, parks, and a performing arts center
- **Roseland North-East:** Three families have obtained their first homes through the Built Back Chicago (Hope Center) initiative. The Roseland Community Recovery Home is in the process of opening, and the Live Wise Youth Program is active.
- **Calumet Heights:** Recovery Bound Phoenix and Calumet Heights are active in the community.
- **Pullman:** The library is undergoing renovations.
- **Hegewisch:** Discussions are ongoing about community enhancements and what they will look like.
- **Oak Lawn:** The Little Company of Mary Hospital has a dedicated Mental Health Floor.
- **Evergreen Park:** Cameras have been installed in the parking lots of stores, and there is increased police security.
- **Robbins Illinois Southwest:** The community has become more accepting of harm reduction and is allowing Narcan within facilities.
- **Hammond Indiana:** The community is more receptive to harm reduction and is allowing Narcan to be placed in facilities

### **Community Topic: Safety and You**

**Presenter: Sgt. Warren AVERY**

#### **How to Stay Safe:**

- Always be aware of your surroundings, whether at home, in your vehicle, or out in public.
- Remember that a threat can arise at any time, moment, or occasion.

**What is the Human Survival Mindset?** The Human Survival Mindset refers to a mental state focused on prioritizing actions and decisions that maximize the chances of survival in threatening situations.

#### **Key Points of a Survival Mindset:**

1. **Awareness:** Acknowledge potential dangers.
2. **Preparation:** Utilize knowledge and skills to handle survival situations, including first aid, shelter, and seeking food and water sources.
3. **Decision-Making Skills:** Make rational and quick decisions.
4. **Resilience:** Bounce back from setbacks while maintaining a positive attitude.
5. **Resourcefulness:** Use available resources to overcome challenges.



Developing a survival mindset starts with learning and practicing how to protect oneself from external threats and survive with minimal harm to oneself and loved ones, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

#### **Plan for Survival:**

- When in public areas, always identify a way out in case of an emergency.
- Imagine unpleasant scenarios and practice, practice, practice how to survive and escape threats.

#### **How to Stay Safe:**

- Utilize all your resources such as fighting, yelling, and running.
- Use defense techniques like striking the eyes, stomping on the shin, and striking early.
- If you have a family, educate them on safety and practice drills together, such as fire drills, intruder drills, and car intruder drills. Include a non-sensible emergency family code word or phrase. This is great practice for both elders and children.

#### **Protecting Yourself at Home:**

- Consider escape routes within your home.
- Seek non-traditional weapons around your home. Look for things that can make noise when a door or window is opened, such as bells, chimes, or a one-dollar window alarm from the dollar store. The noise can scare off or at least distract the threat while you get away or reach safety.

#### **Facing a Shooter or Shootout:**

- Avoid being a target and consider all your options.
- Find cover behind a tree, car, building, or anything that can create a barrier between you and the threat.
- Create distance by running in a zigzag pattern if you can.
- Utilize the element of surprise in your counter move if possible.
- Avoid the risk of trampling by not falling to the ground if there is a big crowd running.
- Try to observe where the threat is or the direction it is coming from so you do not run towards it.
- Seek exits and areas away from the threat.

#### **Examples of Places to Be on High Alert:**

- Gas stations
- Malls/shopping centers
- Concerts/festivals
- Public transportation
- Parking lots
- Banks/currency exchanges

## **ALERT: Caution**

- Perpetrators often work and travel in pairs.
- **Bumper tappers:** A perpetrator may bump your car on purpose. If this happens, do not get out of the car. Remember, safety first: pull off, leave the scene, and go to the nearest police station immediately. Call the police while you are on the way and report the incident. Try to provide detailed information, such as the car's plate number, description of the car, and all individuals in the car.
- **Highway hunters:** These are groups that travel the highways seeking stranded motorists. If you become stranded, it is best to leave the car for safety reasons. Keep emergency clothes, coats, food, flashlights, and a window-breaking tool (in case your car lands in water or if the doors jam).
- If a perpetrator approaches you, give up all items. Toss your purse or wallet away from yourself to create a distraction so you can get away. It is good practice to keep some cash on you. You do not need to keep a large amount but having nothing can cause the perpetrator to become angry and pose a bigger threat.
- Women should consider not running in heels (take them off if you can and run keep one for a weapon).
- Be mindful of cars following or tailing you. Frequently check all three mirrors while driving. If you notice a suspicious person, do not go home. Drive to the nearest police station while on the phone with the police, giving them as much detail as possible about the car and the driver.
- Use the friend plan and avoid traveling alone, especially for women, when traveling at night.
- If cornered by a perpetrator, never leave for the next location. Women should scream "RAPE" and men should scream "POLICE" as these words typically get someone's attention.

**Think like the police: "Let's make it home safe!"**

## **Additional Resources Provided: De'Shara Shells**

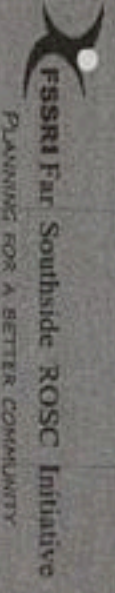
1. **Restoration Ministries** at 253 East 159th Street offers volunteer opportunities, food, and clothing every Saturday at 9 AM.
2. **Bronzeville Clothing Giveaway** on February 9, 2025, at the public library located at 3617 South State Street, starting at 1:30 PM until clothes run out.
3. **Southside Fresh Market** every Saturday at 6330 South State Stoney from 10 AM until food runs out.
4. **Housing for Returning Citizens:** Please contact the TEECH Foundation for more details.
5. **Haymarket Treatment Center Job Fair** on February 12, 2025, from 10 AM until 2 PM.
6. **Chicago Furniture Bank** located at 4801 S Whipple Street, Chicago, IL. If you have recently moved or will be moving and need assistance with furniture and are low-income or have no income, you can qualify. You must have a caseworker or agency to assist with gaining assistance. If you do not have an agency or caseworker, contact the TEECH Foundation, as they are an active partner and can assist you.
7. **Continued Education Programs:** All city colleges have funding for individuals seeking a trade or higher education for career opportunities. The TEECH Foundation is an intern site for Governors State University, Kennedy King College, Dawson Institute for CPRS Credential, CADC Credential, Addiction Education Degree, and Social Work Degree.

8. **Mental Health and Detox Services** are offered at the Little Company of Mary Hospital, Roseland Hospital, South Suburban Hospital, Holy Cross and Advocate.
9. **Chicago Minimum Wage Increase:** As of January 1st, the minimum wage in Chicago rose to \$15.50 for adults and \$15.00 an hour for youth.

**Fraud Alert: IRS and Utilities Companies!**

There have been text messages and calls from people claiming to be with the IRS, utilities companies, and banks. If you receive such a call, hang up and do not give any information over the phone. Always Google the number and call to verify if there is a threat or if the call is legitimate.





# FAR SOUTHSIDE ROSC INITIATIVE (FSSRI) 2024 RECAP





## 2024 Community Issues

FSSRI/TEECH is off to a fantastic start in 2025. We have tackled numerous issues highlighted in community meetings, individual discussions, and the 2024 Survey. Together with our collaborating partners, FSSRI has made a significant impact on the communities we serve. The 2024 Survey, community meetings, one-on-one conversations, phone calls, and emails identified the following areas of focus.

- Overdoses
- Mental Illness
- Employment
- Crime
- Youths Services
- Affordable Housing
- Senior Housing
- Food Deserts



# FSSRI Community Collaborations



West Englewood, Auburn Gresham, Beverly,  
Washington Heights, Mount Greenwood, Morgan  
Park, Roseland North-East, Calumet Heights,  
Pullman, South Deering, Hegewisch, Oak Lawn,  
Evergreen Park, Robbins Illinois (Southwest),  
Hammond Indiana





## FSSRI GOAL

Building collaborations within communities on the Far Southside of Chicago seemed like an almost impossible task. However, with diligence, the Far Southside ROOSC Initiative successfully gained buy-in from individuals in active addiction, recovery, their families, friends, the community, and those with mental health issues. The goal of the Far Southside ROOSC Initiative has been to transform the long-standing community dynamics of segregation and secrecy. These collaborations have brought significant relief to the Far Southside, as evidenced by the successes achieved each year. The Far Southside ROOSC Initiative and its partners have worked together to overcome numerous barriers and gaps, providing education and resources to support those in active addiction, recovery, their families, friends, the community, and individuals with mental health issues.



## Who resides on the Far Southside of Chicago

The far South side communities have a combined population of over 76,000 residents. Approximately 98% of residents are people of color, and more than 65% are unemployed or not in the labor market. The Far South communities are rich in natural and cultural assets rooted in African American culture. The individual assets and gifts of the Far Southside are the diversity and multi-faceted mix of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations.

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safar&rlz=en&q=far+southside+demographic&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>.



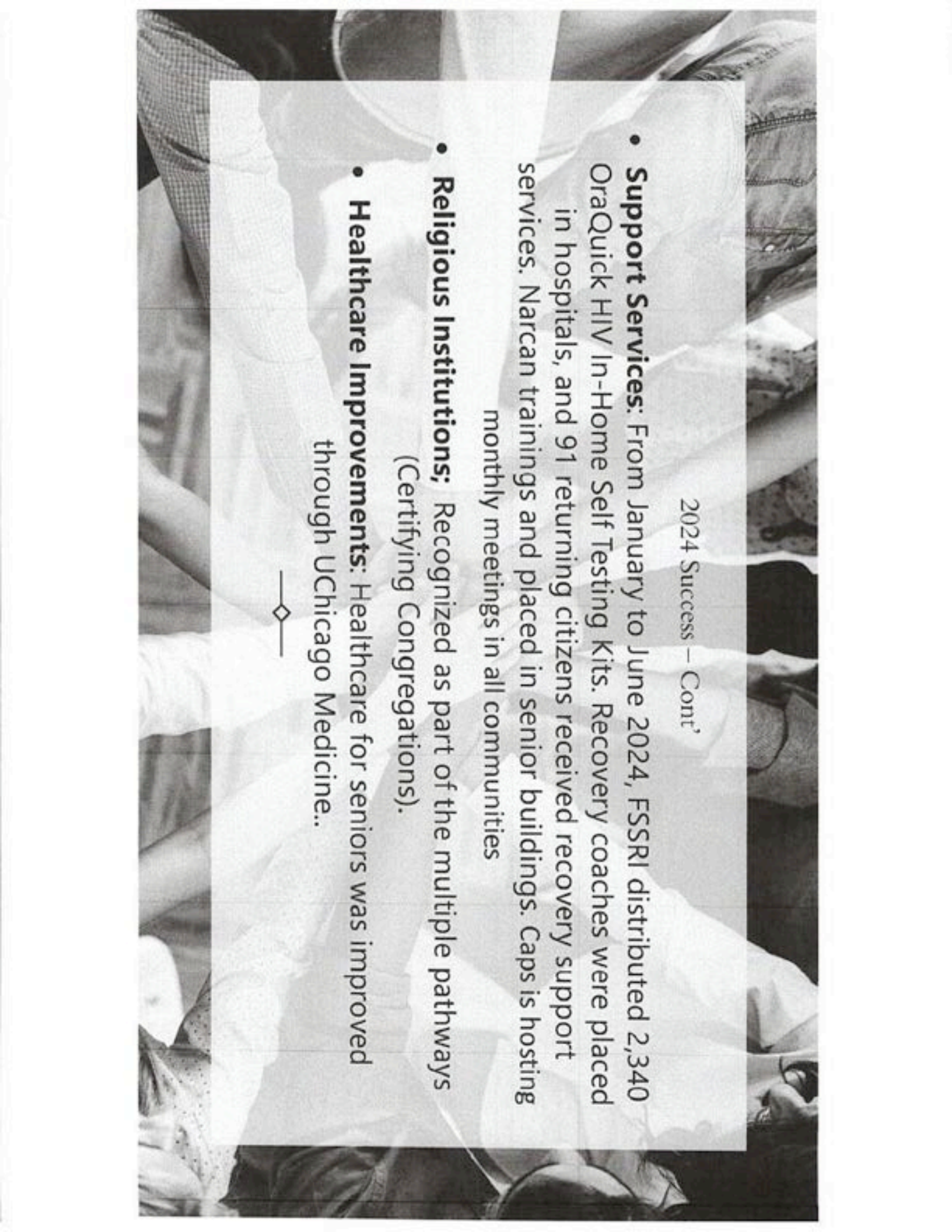




The Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) achieved several notable successes in 2024. Here are some highlights:

- **Community Engagement:** FSSRI hosted 6 community events and co-hosted 13 additional events. They also added 16 new ROSC council members and organizations
- We have many Alumni and PLE's who are assisting with getting jobs, housing etc. for their peers.
- **Health and Safety:** They distributed 2,880 Narcan Kits and trained 642 individuals on Narcan1. Additionally, 30 Naloxone (Narcan) mountable boxes were placed in establishments, with plans to add more1. They also distributed 1,500 COVID tests and 4,500 masks





2024 Success – Cont'

- **Support Services:** From January to June 2024, FSSRI distributed 2,340 OraQuick HIV In-Home Self Testing Kits. Recovery coaches were placed in hospitals, and 91 returning citizens received recovery support services. Narcan trainings and placed in senior buildings. Caps is hosting monthly meetings in all communities
- **Religious Institutions;** Recognized as part of the multiple pathways (Certifying Congregations).
- **Healthcare Improvements:** Healthcare for seniors was improved through UChicago Medicine..





# Community Enhancements

## West Englewood

- Affordable housing redevelopment
- Fifth Third Bank Opened
- Community Farm

## Auburn Gresham

- Neighborhood Health Hub
- Oxford House (Barbank/Auburn Gresham)
- Fresh Fruit Market (Pete's Grocery) Auburn Gresham
- Trilogy Mental Health Center
- Save-A-Lot reopened
- Holy Cross just opened a 28 - day treatment program.

## Beverly

- CPD reports a drop in crime
- Beyond Healing Counseling Therapeutic Services







# Community Enhancement Cont'

## Calumet Heights

- Recovery Bound (Phoenix/Calumet Heights)

## Pullman

- Library renovations

## Hegewisch

- In discussion of community enhancement and what that will look like.

## Oak Lawn

- Mental Health Floor – Hospital (Little Company Mary)

## Evergreen Park

- Cameras in the parking lots of stores and more police security.



# Community Enhancement Cont'

## Robbins Illinois (Southwest)

- Became more acceptable to harm reduction and allowing Narcan to be placed in facilities.

## Hammond Indiana

- Became more acceptable to harm reduction and allowing Narcan to be placed in facilities.





These achievements underscore the continuous efforts and positive impact of FSSRI in addressing community needs and promoting health and well-being on the Far Southside of Chicago.

*If you need more information or assistance with anything else, feel free to ask!*

To continue addressing community issues we need your assistance.

Complete the survey: [www.teechfoundation.l.net](http://www.teechfoundation.l.net)

Call: (224) 406-3798

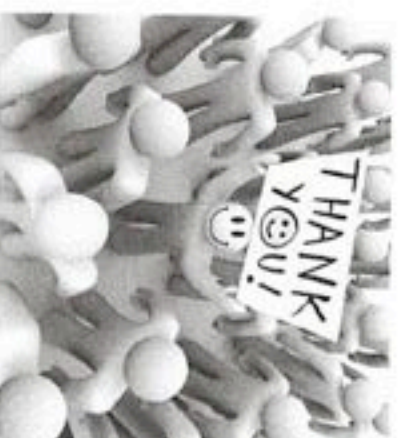
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# Safety And you

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Sgt. Warren Avery CADDC

# YOUR RIGHT TO BE SAFE AND SECURE

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For all American citizens, including ex-felons and formerly addicted substance users, access to the full package of citizen rights and constitutional protections is essential and integral to their rights. However, for these populations, these rights—especially the right to bear arms—are often denied or restricted, sometimes permanently.

Nevertheless, there are processes and systems in place, though this can be difficult to reclaim you still have constitutional rights.



# **BE AWARE BE PREPARED**

• The survival mindset and practice must encompass all aspects of your life: your home, your vehicle, and when you're out and about.

You must recognize that any moment or occasion could be the ideal time for a threat to appear..

## Human Survival Mindset



Vulnerable



Striving



Unfulfilled

Developing a survival mindset starts with learning and practicing how to protect oneself from external threats and survive with minimal harm to oneself and loved ones, both physically, mentally, and emotionally.

- "All city dwellers need to imagine various scenarios in their heads, not just once, but to practice them repeatedly until they feel confident in responding appropriately to different levels of imagined threats. You need to envision these scenarios and how you might protect yourself before they happen—waiting until it occurs is too late for a plan!
- I don't mean to be overly dramatic or scary, but if you've chosen to conceal carry, you've already acknowledged the seriousness of the situation. For your safety and freedom, be prepared and have a plan in place, both when you leave the house and even at home. Everyone must adopt a survival mindset and have a plan in place. Imagine how you will survive a potential attack or grab. What is your plan? How will you escape with the best possible outcome?"



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## HAVING A PLAN

- Sadly, the Bad guys have a **Survival Mindset** – Yes, the bad guys have a plan – against you, to get the jump, and keep the jump.
- So, you're having a **Plan for Survival** is a must!
- Again, For a **Survival Mindset**, You need to imagine (unpleasant) scenarios And Practice, Practice, Practice – how to survive / escape these threats
- It must include all your resources: fighting, yelling, running, etc. Also, specific actions: ie strike to eyes, stomp to shin - And to strike early!
- **If you have a family**, All need to practice drills together, fire drills, House Intruder drills, car intruder drills. Also, you (the parent practice drills individually) with each member.
- And families need a non-sensible emergency family **code word** or phrase. This is especially needed with aging populations and children.



# PROTECTING YOURSELF AT HOME

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- Consider escape routes in your house – a rope or toss ladder to climb out a window.
- And what other non-traditional weapons do you have around your house
- Or may want to place around your house – my golf clubs
- What do you have around your house, that can make noise when a door is opened or window???? Bells, chimes, one dollar window alarm, from dollar store.
- The noise is two-fold, it can possibly scare an intruder off, But also, be a warning for you, to prepare a defense or escape move.

# FACING A SHOOTER OR SHOOTOUT

- What if the opposition also has a firearm?
- Number one is avoid being a good target - Depending on your options
- Find cover. A tree, a car, a fence, a building
- Make distance between you - Run, zig-zag
- Utilize the element of a surprise in your counter move,
- Fall to ground, and roll, and end up headfirst, towards perpetrator, removing your weapon going down. And aim at perpetrator from ground position and fire. And he'll shockingly find out you aren't the everyday Joe of Jane!
- If you have a weapon also, and have decided to utilize it, always aim at center mast (that's the waist to the neck) not the head!

## Why aim at the center mast?

- Two reasons, it's the biggest lethal target, And also a firearm tends to recoil, up
- Remember, Be wise, use your firearm to escape, not for street justice. So, once, you neutralize the threat (and his weapon) run, escape!





- **GAS STATIONS** – a breeding ground for petty crimes.
- It's highly public, visible and transient. And busy and distracted persons unknowingly are displaying where their money and credit cards are.
- And often, right on its perimeters, there are perpetrators with ill intent, staking out these stations. Often with multiple cars, binoculars, window breaking tools, etc. And sometimes, an accomplice may be already inside the station, even often to the (bullet proof glass protected) employee's knowledge but helplessness.
- In a daze, many drivers leave their cars running, especially in cold weather. And many leave their doors unlocked. But the crooks also have unlocking devices.
- Often, left in danger are purses, pets and other valuable left in the car. And inside the station there are often pick-pocketers, purse snatchers, gold chain grabbers, etc.



# **How Can Drivers Be Safer at Gas Stations**

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## **How Can Drivers Be Safer at Gas Stations**

- Before approaching gas station, have money or credit card in hand, and purse or other objects of value out of sight.
- Never keep vehicle running at gas station, while entering.
- Never allow valuables to be visible - Never leave children or pets in vehicle
- Limit your trips to gas stations by waiting till your vehicle is about quarter full, and filling your car up every trip
- Also utilize gas stations in what you deemed that are in safer neighborhoods and Get your gas early morning, but especially do not stop at gas stations after dark



- Intersections, Parking lots, Your Driveway
- And be mindful, often perpetrators work in pairs, while you entertain one, the second one is sneaking around stealing your car or robbing it
- **Bumper Tappers**
- **My Safety First, Your Feelings second** Leave the scene, immediately if you feel a possible threat
- **Highway Hunters**
- Groups that travel the highway to find stranded motorists If you are stranded, it may be best to leave your car – for a safe lookout point till your real help arrive
- So, Keep on hand Emergency clothes, coats and food, flashlights, a window breaking tool, (if you land in water or if the doors jam) etc.
- Also, Possible in your Survival Planning could be
- The idea of if accosted, to toss your purse or wallet, a distance away, to give you possible between you and the perpetrators, as he hopefully goes for your goods.
- Also, women consider in your planning, not running in High heal shoes – so, consider to toss any restrictive shoes or clothing, so you can flee!



- A Caution when leaving the Bank – another high target
- When leaving the bank, or currency (God forbid) and you're driving (hopefully)
- Go a circuitous route, do not drive straight home,
- Looking out for any cars tailing you.
- (Even if you didn't get any money out, they don't know that)
- Any area is vulnerable, if you are not at your peak of awareness, so walking down the street, be observant of your surroundings.
- If someone is behind, you, cross the street, change your directions,
- Females, especially, should utilize the buddy plan.



# SAFETY WHILE OUT AND ABOUT

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What if a pedestrian or otherwise, a perpetrator gets the jump on you!

- Consider what Security expert, SANFORD STRONG, said on Oprah, years back:
- Don't let the perpetrator take you to a second crime scene – your odds worsen
- So, freely, Give up everything you have, all valuables, but make it go down there!
- (But, to each his own, here!) You must use your gut and own intuition here.
- But if they're trying to displace you and you choose to fight their bad intention You need to counter soon as possible and with wild reckless abandon And strike him in a vulnerable spot – so you must learn ahead human vulnerable body area. And this should have already been in your Survival Planning.
- Slice kick him in the shin
- Chop him in the throat- Keep a hat pin with you, to gouge his eyes.
- Hit him in the nose, as you try to go through his head
- Women Holler "Rape"!
- Men Holler "Police, Police" And Run!



Stay  
Alert!

## SAFETY IN YOUR AUTO

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- What do you do if the car behind you roughly taps your car's rear bumper?
- As soon as able, always make two quick calls one to police and the second to trusted help
- Should you have any concern or fear, especially at night, or on a deserted area, try to ascertain as many facts about the second vehicle and its driver as you can, and just drive to the nearest police station, alone, and report the accident.
- And consider this, even if it's a female behind the second, wheel. They often have a female do the deed, then they emerge from the passenger side or from a third vehicle to accost you. They have also been known to hide and lie in wait, in the second vehicle's trunk, or on the floor of the back seat.
- And consider ahead in your SURVIVAL PLANNING, What do you do if you're stranded on the highway with a car breakdown.
- Do you keep extra warm clothes, jackets in the trunk, snacks? You may want to hide in some bushes until your real help arrive, because highway Hunters – those that prey on stranded highway motorists for their crimes and often pleasure.
- But, if you can't or choose not to play the hiding game, and you are approached - Put the helper / perpetrator on Face Book live and his car and license plate




## AWARENESS HELPS PUT THE ODDS IN YOUR FAVOR

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- On a public street, and as a pedestrians, we can't completely control our surroundings or pick of characters. But a keen awareness can help us navigate, therein, more safely. So, as a pedestrians, you should walk on the side of the street, that's facing approaching cars - against traffic. But, not in the street, except if you're avoiding some bushes or other vision blocking obstacles
- This is for all. Please don't listen to headphones or such or concentrate on your phone to the extent, that you make yourself an easy target! Wisdom says one should not be on a cell phone for an entire block, especially at night where your visibility is already limited. I've even seen groups, where all are pre-occupied on their phones— and no one is taking stock of their surroundings or sinister eyes.
- As, a seasoned officer, I've seen too many of these easy – and too late - regretful crime victims. And it's my opinion, that regarding the streets, your cell, should principally be an emergency device or a tool for essential communications. And while the cell phone user, often, don't know what hit them, I've heard more than one perp boast "it's like taking candy from a baby!"





*You Know Your Rights*  
RIGHT?

## PERTINENT LEGAL STANDINGS

(Firearms Ownership for Felons and Those in Recovery)

- In the state of Illinois, you are permitted to own firearms, but only after you have received your firearm owner's identification (FOID) card. The requirements for getting a FOID card include being at least 21 years old, not being a convicted felon, and not being addicted to any mood-altering substances, among other requirements.
- The Illinois Supreme Court ruled that if a convicted felon can establish the requirements of Section 10(c) (1)-(3), they have their civil rights restored and may be granted a FOID. However, the Supreme Court of Illinois went further and held that a petitioner must establish the FOID Act's Section 10 factors "to the courts or Director's satisfaction."
- The Illinois Supreme Court recently ruled (2023) in Evans against the State of Illinois decision, that the right to bear arms was a **civil right issue**. And if a felon's other civil rights are restored the right to bear arms, must be considered for restoration as well, but it must not offend any Federal laws and the decision still rest with the State Police Director and Courts

# CONCEAL CARRY LEGALLY

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- Keep your Conceal and FOID card, on you, ALWAYS!
- Check your wallet, periodically, to make sure it hasn't slipped out And for you females, that change purses, you need to be extra careful, on that!
- And a safety thing you can do, is write down your FOID number and expiration date, and hide it in your glove compartment
- **Revealing your weapon Or even Acknowledging that you are carrying, to someone, is a NO, NO**
- And if someone perceives it as a threat! You could lose your license to carry and possibly get some serious charges.
- Even, if someone, **Accidentally sees your weapon**, you are out of bound and if you think it's any chance of someone reporting you, you need to drive straight to the police station and ask them to file an Incident Report.
- Anywhere that says no weapon upon entry even if you are conceal and carry you cannot bring into the establishment.
- And in Chicago, a new law, weapons must be registered with the Police



# CONCEAL CARRY LEGALLY- CONT'

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- **When is it legal to use?** In defense of YOUR LIFE, or from perceived imminent severe bodily harm
- Or in defense of another, under same guideline???
- The closer the other individual is related to you the greater this holds up
- **How about when you're getting carjacked???**
- And they have weapons is it legal to use your weapon?
- **How about you're shopping and are threatened with physical harm?**
- Would you be justified if you pulled out your weapon, just to stop them?
- And what if you're outside and fired a warning shot?
- **If you do, here are some of the possible charges you could be up against**
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon! Firing a weapon in the city limits!  
endangerment of other!





## THINK LIKE THE POLICE

(Let's make it home, just as we came)

- If you do have to use your Concealed Carry, you need to borrow a page from the police, no matter what the primary reasoning was, and even if you were defending a family member or choose to defend a stranger, which is legally (quasi) permissible, under the Conceal act. (and I still add a note of caution here, which I'll elaborate later)
- Your statement of fact, should be, "I discharged my weapon in defense of my life or a perceived imminent threat to my life, from the perpetrator. There is no greater right (or leeway provided) than when acting in defense of your own life!



# CONCLUSION

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- Again, the main rule is to listen to your gut, right? But to do that, you need to exercise a bit of awareness of the moment and your surroundings.
- Now, I'm not inferring that by being extra aware one can prevent all occurrences of attacks against you, because nothing can. But if a hyper level of awareness and planning can prevent just one attack - just that one, avoidance, may save you from needless grief or even help extend your days, on this good green Earth.

## REFERENCES

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- 'Strong on Defense' By Sergeant Sanford Strong (book and a video - on You Tube)
- Survival Signals that Protect Us from Violence'
- Protecting the Gift' books by: Gavin de Becker

## ASSISTANCE CENTERS

- Chicago Urban League - 4510 South Michigan Ave, Chicago
- FOID Offices – [WWW.isp.state.il.us](http://WWW.isp.state.il.us)



**THANK YOU**  
*Warren Avery*

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QUESTIONS

