



IN THE WORDS OF OUR CLIENTS:



Testimonial of Chief Arthel Howell, Racine Police Department

Since 1993, the City of Racine Police Department has embraced the community policing philosophy. In an effort to expand on the success of local COP strategies, steps were recently taken to integrate this proven policing model into the school system. The challenge of meeting the safety and security needs of nearly 20,000 students was a tall order; however, the support provided by our technical assistant Bree Spencer of Safe & Sound was invaluable. From conducting baseline stakeholder interviews to formulating standard operating procedures that promote operational uniformity throughout the school district to designing the program evaluation, Bree's technical assistance, process management and leadership has positioned our COP officers in schools collaborative to achieve our stated goals and objectives. Based on my personal experience, I highly endorse the technical assistance services provided by Safe & Sound.



Testimonial of John Gulick, Community Development Specialist,
University of Missouri Extension – Pike County, Missouri

In June 2016, Bree Spencer of Milwaukee's Safe & Sound provided an exciting and comprehensive overview of her program to an audience of 60 community leaders in rural Pike County, Missouri. Her presentation has generated a cross-county effort resulting in the creation of Pike Safe Neighborhoods, an effort to utilize Safe & Sound's best practices in a rural setting. Bree has been available for phone and email guidance throughout this development process. Pike Safe Neighborhoods is under consideration as a pilot site for a grant to create a statewide program called Missouri Safe and Empowered Neighborhoods. We appreciate the stimulus for this effort provided by Bree and look forward to our ongoing exchange of insights to help create a successful rural program in Missouri.



Letter From Bart Niedner, Mayor, City of Louisiana MO

April 5, 2017
Re Safe & Sound – Bree Spencer

In early 2016, the community of Louisiana, Missouri began a grass roots effort to address neighborhood safety and provide support for the agencies tasked with addressing crime-related issues within our area. Our effort grew from a single, municipal-based effort in the City of Louisiana, to a county-wide effort named Pike Safe Neighborhoods.

Critical to our process was the assistance we received from the Milwaukee Safe & Sound program. Director of Evaluation and Technical Assistance, Bree Spencer, has been key to our effort, providing a deep understanding of community realities, neighborhood needs, and the technical details of Milwaukee's successful program. Bree was able to key-note our wildly successful county meeting where we communicated the concepts and explored adaptation to our rural context. We simply could not have done this without her expertise, passion, and willingness to help. Pike County, Missouri, owes Milwaukee Safe & Sound – and Bree Spencer in particular – a great debt of gratitude not only for these initial steps but also for the continued support as we build a rural pilot program we hope will be replicated throughout the state.

Please let this testimonial stand as evidence for the meaningful contribution Pike County, Missouri has received from our Safe & Sound friends in Milwaukee. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Additional, Brief Statements:

“Our effort in Pike County, Missouri, would not be possible without the outstanding guidance and support we have received from Bree Spencer and the Safe & Sound program in Milwaukee.”

“The collaboration between ‘Milwaukee Safe & Sound’ and ‘Pike Safe Neighborhoods’ is a beacon for national, grass-roots collaboration. When the conduit exists, fundamental principles for empowering communities can truly bridge the gap between a large, urban, municipal context, and a rural county-wide solution.”

“The proactive outreach of Milwaukee Safe & Sound, as well as their willingness to think outside of the box, has been a great gift to Pike County, Missouri. Thank you, thank you, thank you!”