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Take a stand with March Against Crime
Peaceful protest of continued high crime levels in Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash., June 9, 2015 – There have been more than 10,421 incidents of crime in Tacoma since January 2015 (Pierce County Sheriff, www.piercecountycrimedata.org). Criminals in Tacoma are doing their part to “Keep Tacoma Feared,” but now it’s time Tacoma stands up to create a community free of crime.

Safe Streets will lead its ninth annual “March Against Crime” June 26 to encourage the Tacoma and Pierce County community to end crime.

The march will focus on key local crime issues including drug dealing, illegal gangs, prostitution and violence.

Participants will gather at the Stewart Middle School parking lot to make signs at 5 p.m. and rally at 5:30 p.m. The marchers will choose major intersections in their neighborhood or near the school to make their voices heard and position seen, and the march will begin at 6 p.m.

“Community level violence has not dissipated in recent years in spite of the many efforts we have made to impact the problem of violence,” said Priscilla Lisicich, Safe Streets Executive Director. “To me this means our work is not over and that we must call ourselves to take actions to change environmental and social conditions that permit violence.”

Take a stand and take back Tacoma with Safe Streets and the “March Against Crime.”

- **WHAT:** March Against Crime
- **WHEN:** Friday, June 26
 - **Sign-making:** 5 p.m.
 - **Rally:** 5:30 p.m.
 - **March:** 6 p.m.
- **WHERE:** 5010 Pacific Ave. Tacoma, Wash. (Stewart Middle School parking lot)
- **WHY:** To work against drug dealing, illegal gangs, prostitution and violence.

For more information about the event please contact the Safe Streets office at 253.272.6825 or email Darren Pen at dpen@safest.org.

About Safe Streets

Safe Streets Campaign is the first private, non-profit organization that unites neighbors against crime—a model for other programs nationwide. Serving Tacoma and Pierce County since 1989, Safe Streets equal a safe community. Both private and public funds support Safe Streets’ community efforts. Learn more at www.safest.org.

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