

The Spirit of Detroit reigns on Angel's Night

DETROIT, MI -- Today, Detroit Mayor Ken Cockrel, Jr., Detroit Fire Commissioner Tyrone Scott, Detroit Police Chief James Barren and the Detroit Director of Homeland Security Darryl Lundy released the figures from last week's Angel's Night period. "With the help of the thousands of volunteers, we were able to keep the number of fires low, the Spirit of Detroit high, and we achieved our goal for a safe Angel's Night," said Mayor Cockrel.

2008	Total Fires	Suspicious
Oct. 29	22	12
Oct. 30	62	49
Oct. 31	52	33
Total 2008 (2007)	136 (142)	94 (111)

"In looking at these figures, as they compare to previous years, we were fortunate to have the joint partnership between law enforcement and our thousands of volunteers. And the partnership with law enforcement and our volunteers continues to work each year," said Cockrel.

"It was a busy Angel's Night but it was not our busiest night, said Commissioner Scott. "Considering the number of vacant properties, foreclosures, and good weather, we were very fortunate that we kept the numbers low."

"Each year, we are making progress. Even though we kept the number of fires down, even one suspicious fire is one too many. However, with the proper planning, dedicated volunteers and a partnership between the community and our law enforcement agencies, we brought out the best of Detroit," said Mayor Cockrel. "I want to thank all of our volunteers. These are the folks from Detroit and throughout the region, who dawned an orange cap, put the orange lights on their car and patrolled our streets to make sure we all were safe. To those volunteers, we thank you.

2008 Volunteer Effort	
Number of patrols (foot and car)	17,313
Number of people volunteering in volunteer centers	228
Number who turned on porch lights or watched from home	31,177
Number of City workers who volunteered their time	4,120
Total number of volunteers	52,838

Others, not included in the totals above, include those who volunteered with other organizations such as the Detroit Public Schools, Arise Detroit, Motor City Blight Busters, Neighbors United, the DARE CB Patrol, City Year, the Guardian Angel's, a variety of churches and other community organizations.

Community Groups	
Alpha Kappa Alpha	The Muslim Center
Alpha Phi Alpha	The Salvation Army
ARISE Detroit	TULC
Brightmoor Alliance	U of D High School
Delta Sigma Theta	U of D Mercy
DPS	UAW
East English Village	US Army
Jewish Community Relations Council	US Navy
Kappa Alpha Psi	US Postal Service
M.O.R.S Radio Patrol	Warren Conner Development
Motor City Blight Busters	Wayne County

“Not only do we thank you, but we now look forward to an on-going volunteer effort in Detroit, to engage our residents and those who love this city, to keep us safe, keep it clean and keep the world’s attention on the positive spirit of Detroit,” Cockrel said.

Those contributing to and supporting Angel’s Night include:

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“With the help of our thousands of volunteers, corporate partners, the efforts of law enforcement and community, Angels’ Night was successful once again. From now on, Angel’s Night will no longer be just a three-day effort to turn out the community and look out for your neighbor. It will become a 365-day volunteer effort to keep our people safe, our streets clean and our people united around the Spirit of Detroit. Angel’s Night will no longer be a day to fear. It will become a time to celebrate ourselves, and the love we have for this city.”

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