

## **Community Violence from the Burlington Residential Correctional Facility**

1. What would you say is the most significant factor driving crime? High speed chase, having drugs in the car, driving drunk. The need or lack of money. Poverty. Gun problem. Texting while driving. Gang activity.
2. To be effective, law enforcement agencies must constantly adapt to the changing nature of crime and the way criminals behave. In your opinion, what is the biggest issue facing law enforcement today? Selling drugs and murder. GANG ACTIVITY. Too quick to kill someone. Gun violence. Shooting innocent people. The amount of police officers. Police negative attitude toward citizen. The stigma of dirty cops killing innocent people. Being pulled over for ridiculous things. From a black man's prospective, talk to us, show respect and we will not be so scared and run. Hate crime. Lots of drugs and easy to get.
3. What is the best way to prevent crime—educational programs, more police officers, stiffer prison sentences, youth diversion programs? (cga.ct.gov 1-3) Educational programs, more programs for children. Good paying jobs. Make prison less enjoyable. Not having role models. Neighborhood watch. Seek help and answers from ex-cons. Learning how to ask for help. Go to school and try to stay active, idle time makes it easy to become stagnant. Security.
4. What can the citizens do to help reduce and prevent crime? Cease fire program, not cause problems. Not commit them. Keep things locked up and out of sight. Form crime watch programs. Report and call the police. More outreach to poor and needy. Lock them up. Neighborhood watch. Meetings about crime and how to speak up, safely. Security.
5. What is your plan to do something positive for the community? Help young kids with sports, field trips, community action programs. Stay off drugs and selling them. Talk to youth about having a better life than prison. Not committing more crimes. Pick up trash. Give back to the community. Changing life after being locked up. Talk to older folks. Teach and learn from these mistakes. Create.