



## Expanding Guardian Angels patrols

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New Haven (WTHN) -- Expansion plans for the Guardian Angels in New Haven seem to be working, but the neighborhood patrol group is not done recruiting volunteers just yet.

The Guardian Angels came to New Haven last year to patrol the Edgewood Park section of town, but all along they've said they would expand to other neighborhoods, and to other cities. The latest expansion has been to the Eastern part of New Haven.

The Angels started patrolling there a couple weeks ago after folks at a Ward 12 community meeting asked them to. They are able to because they've been doing a lot of recruiting, doubling the size of the New Haven chapter in the last year.

Folks in Fair Haven have been complaining of more drug activity and more break-ins, although police statistics don't seem to back that up.

Still, most people are happy to see the Angels out on the streets. The Angels don't carry weapons, they just serve as extra eyes on the streets and sometimes they make citizens arrests.

The question has always been do they really help? Some wonder if the bad guys simply wait for the Angels to finish their two hour patrol, and then come right back out on these streets.



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