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Post-WWII Gang Violence

Police raid the inside of a gang headquarters in search of the killers of 19 year old Rafael Santiago, 1971.

Close-up on a man holding a blood-stained knife at the police station at 11th and Wharton Streets, 1970.

Teenage gang members are taken to the police station at 20th and Buttonwood Streets, 1956.
Latest scene of strife among members of rival teenage gangs in the city is pinpointed by Sergeant David Brown on the operations map at the Juvenile Aid Bureau’s headquarters, 1954.

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The Formation of Safe Streets, Inc.


William H. Wilcox and Haywood Matthews speak with 17 year old Ronald Bailey, a young worker at the Safe Streets, Inc. Center in West Philly, 1970.
Safe Streets, Inc.: Mission & Outreach


Photos at right: Among the numerous social programs Safe Streets, Inc. provided to youth, therapy sessions and neighborhood cleanup projects were a few of them.
Safe Streets Inc.: Mission & Outreach
Government Pushback

Photo above: Moon Gang outside State Store on 60th Street, south of Haverford Avenue, 1972.

Photos at left: Citizens protesting gang violence to government officials, 1970.
Community Activism

Photo above: Four mothers carrying a wooden casket for a parade near the Philadelphia Art Museum, 1972.

Photo at right: Reverend John Oduro of Vine St. Memorial Baptist Church talks to Creek Gang members after they helped clean the building of graffiti at 60th & Ellsworth Streets, 1971.
Community Activism

Photo above: Young men and residents of Wynnefield section get together to work out solutions to neighborhood problems at the home of Mrs. Betty Bradley (standing), 1974.

Photos at left: One hundred South Philly moms meet at the Church of the Redeemer Baptist in Grays Ferry to protest gang violence, 1975.

Arlen Specter referees a boxing match between Robert Taylor (left), 20, and Robert Hariss, 19, at the Safe Streets, Inc. center at 249 S. 60th Street, 1970.
The ‘Hustle’ to Keep Safe Streets Open

Photo above: Topcat, sitting on car, talks with Duke as members of the Moon gang gather near their favorite corner at 60th Street, Haverford Ave, and Girard Ave in West Philadelphia, 1972.

Photo at left: Gang members from the 8th and Diamond Streeters wait outside a New York theater for a performance of a play, 1969.
The ‘Hustle’ to Keep Safe Streets Open

Philadelphia Spending to Fight Crime

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The Buck Thorn Band, comprised of ex-gang members, practice in the basement of a West Oak Lane home, 1974.
Safe Streets, Inc. Closes Its Doors


An advertising manager and gang member work together to help the Moroccos Gang publish a newspaper aimed at getting jobs for its readers, 1968.
The Legacy: North Philly Peace Park