Social Services: Social Welfare & Development Committee

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Name of the Activity:	Night Patrolling
Objective of Activity	Some of the objectives of Night Patrolling were that we understood what type of roles are played by different police officers at the police station. While Patrolling around in the car they check if any stall or shop is illegally open after hours. They check if anyone outside is in need of any assistance and to ensure that they stay safe. At times they also set up check stations on the road to check for drunken drivers. We understand the community needs and Issues. This also helps in improving communication and empathy skills. Important qualities like taking responsibility and community service are portrayed through this activity. We also learnt about crime prevention and emergency response methods. It helped to build a relationship and trust between college students and community members to foster a supportive and cohesive neighborhood environment.
Description of Activity	Night Patrolling portrays a vigilant oversight of a community's safety and security during the night time. This includes going through residential areas, parks and other localities to keep a look of out for criminal activities, or help people in emergencies, aid individuals requiring assistance. They either operate in Teams or individually and make use of communication devices, flashlights and other tools to full fill their responsibilities. Their foremost objective is to establish a responsive presence, creating a sense of safety for the residents while minimizing the occurrence of illegal manner. They conduct regular checks of public spaces and building to detect any signs of suspicious activity or harmful activity. They Document and report any incidents or concerns found during the patrols to facilitate follow-up actions and maintain comprehensive records for future reference.

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Benefits to Society	There are many benefits to Society regarding Night Patrolling. They enhance safety, by patrolling localities and public areas, night patrollers minimize criminal activities and unlawful behavior. They reduce the risk of theft during the night time, vandalism and may other crimes. hence they create a safer environment for the residents. They have a rapid response team, they manage to swiftly respond to emergencies even at the odd most times. They provide quick response to accidents and medical crisis. They engage with the community members to actively participate in maintaining the safety and security of their neighborhoods, fostering a sense of peace and collective responsibility. They increase trust by regularly interacting with the community and create a healthy relationship radiating positivity and unity within the neighborhood.
Benefits to Self	There are many benefits to participating in a Community Service program in the form of night patrolling. It inculcates a sense of purpose which contributes to the safety and well-being of your community and fulfillment knowing that your making a positive impact on the society. You also develop skills like communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, disaster management, leadership skills too since you interact with diverse community members and gain experience of various situations. It also builds confidence, since you successfully handle challenges and emergencies during night patrols, this boosts your self-confidence and resilience. empowering you to tackle other aspects of life with assurance. It also helps build good Networking skills, since engaging in night patrolling allows interactions with fellow members, volunteers, community leaders and law enforcing personnel, thus expanding the network of connections and opening more doors to opportunities.
Learning, Experiences, Challenges, that you would like to share	Some of the Learnings during Night Patrolling could be: Understanding the dynamics of the community since volunteers gain insights into the dynamics of their community including social issues, safety concerns and the needs of diverse people. I also learned Problem solving abilities since during night patrolling we develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, since they address various situations encountered during the patrols. Resolving conflicts and responding to emergencies helps us to enhance our real life problem solving skills and presence of mind. Some of the challenges I faced during my time patrolling included keeping the level of focus and attention at that time of the night, since at a point we get really sleepy staying up. Night patrols don't get normal vacations, so time commitment was also a challenge I faced. An instance that occurred during my time volunteering was that we came across a distressed folks who had just been a victim of theft of their motorbike.

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How did it help to shape your Empathy	Night patrolling specifically helped be understand different perspectives, since during night patrolling we came across many instances and dealt with a diverse range of people and situations. We saw homeless people, people with mental health issues and many other challenges. These interactions provided an insight into the struggles and hardships faced by individuals in the community. This helped foster empathy and compassion towards different circumstances. Through such encounters with a diverse population, such as individuals living on the streets, victims of crime, volunteers witnessing vulnerabilities and struggles faced by marginalized groups, It evoked feelings of empathy related to supporting those in need. Through my involvement in night patrolling, I have recognized the needs and struggles of others and have understood ways to take action against them. Hence I have developed a positive attitude towards helping people in need and taking on the role of supporting fellow members.
Link to the photos taken during activity	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/192LBRenRsnFA6K-uwiYgruG2gwaban Gh