## **BEYOND CITY LIMITS**

## Race, Residency and the Champaign Police Department

#### RACE & RESIDENCY BY THE NUMBERS

In 2010, the Champaign Police Department employed a total of 121 police officers.

More than 90% of Champaign police officers are white. Only six African Americans and two Latino/a officers serve on the force.

<u>Three-quarters</u> of Champaign police officers live beyond Champaign city limits in predominantly white towns and bedroom communities.

# 75%

Champaign

Other

25%

**Champaign Police Officers (Place of Residence)** 

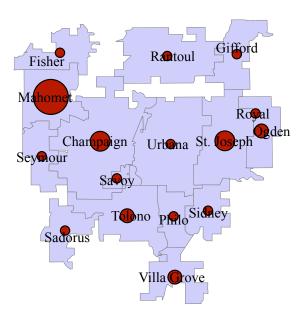
## WHY POLICE LIVE BEYOND CITY LIMITS

Until 1970, the City of Champaign required that all police officers reside within the city limits.

However, in the aftermath of the fierce school integration battles of the late 1960s, the predominantly white police force and their families lobbied to change this policy. It seems that while many white police officers were willing to perform their law enforcement duties in a racially diverse community they were not willing to live and participate in it as equals.

The Champaign city council voted to expand the existing residency perimeter twice in 1970 and, eventually, handed decision-making power to the police department and the police union. Today, there are no restrictions on the residency of Champaign police officers.

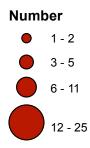
### Mapping Residential Patterns in Champaign County



#### THE IMPACT OF RACE & RESIDENCY

The city should reinstate the residency requirement because it will ensure that officers are invested in the local community, that our financial investment in police salaries is returned through tax revenue, and that skilled employment opportunities are opened up to local people. In addition, reinstating the residency requirement will help change the culture of the Champaign Police Department and improve our chances of recruiting a racially diverse workforce.

## Champaign Police Officers (Number by Town)



# 7th ANNUAL UNITY MARCH!



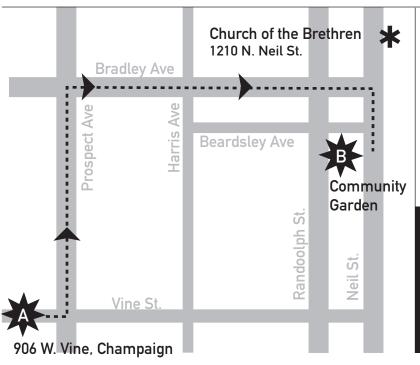
Join us on the 1 year anniversary of Kiwane Carrington's death to:

RECLAIM your neighborhood

RESTORE the relationships in the community REMEMBER the life of Kiwane Carrington

EDUCATION • ADEQUATE WAGES • HEALTH CARE • POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT • FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT FOR SELF & OTHERS • FOOD SECURITY

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010 12:00PM



Start: 906 W. Vine, Champaign

End: Randolph St. Community Garden (Randolph St & Beardsley Ave, Champaign)

Garden Party with food & music!

Fruit tree planting in memory of Kiwane Carrington

- In the event of rain, reception will be held at the Church of the Brethren (1210 N. Neil St.)

Pre-Unity March Symposium: "Other deaths and other truths: Communities confronting state violence"

Presented by: UIUC "Landscapes of struggle in Illinois" Focal Point Group

Friday Oct 8 at 6:30-9pm, Asian American Cultural Center, 1210 West Nevada St., Urbana ALL WELCOME. REFRESHMENTS SERVED.



# "Other Deaths & Other Truths" Communities Confronting State Violence

This symposium will host local activists, scholars and students engaged In the work of reclaiming our communities. Panelists will share their experiences in light of the Champaign police killing of 15-year old Champaign student, Kiwane Carrington, last year as well as offer other examples of how the state commits violence against its residents. Speakers will offer incites into how people on the ground are fighting back to reclaim their communities. We encourage you to attend this dialogue on the eve of the 7th Annual Unity March that will be held the following day, October 9th.

### Our Panelists will include

- Martel Miller: Youth Organizing Efforts
- Kerry Pimblott: CUCPJ's DOJ report
- Durl Kruse: Racial Profiling and Policing Culture in Champaign Urbana
- Barbara Kessel: Intelligence-led Policing
- Regina Pritchett: Community Speak Outs Against Violence
- Ken Salo: Spatial Dimensions of Racist Violence

Friday, October 8th
6:30-5:00pm
Asian American Cultural Center
1210 West Nevada Street
Urbana, IL
\*ALL Are Welcome
\*\*Refreshments will be served

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