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Title: "Community Monitoring and Crime: Evidence from Chicago's Safe Passage Program"

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Abstract: This paper investigates the effect of community-based monitoring on crime in the context of a school safety initiative that employed community members to monitor city blocks during students' travel to and from school. Although we find that total crime decreased by 18% in treated blocks relative to neighboring non-treated blocks, these main effects are not the complete story. We find some evidence of treatment spillovers into blocks closest to treated areas, but we also find evidence of cross-crime substitution within treated blocks, intertemporal reallocation of crime to non-monitored periods, and spatial displacement of crime into the most remote parts of Safe Passage neighborhoods.