

# THE RURAL MN COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECT

Nonviolent Peaceforce is  
highlighting safety in Region 5



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Through the regional Justice System Consortium and alongside community partners, police officers, residents, and fellow planners, we have hosted conversations about community safety. Individuals have shared that we need to talk about safety and how and when safety is felt, and by whom, in our region. We have found there is a lot to still talk about!

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

- Belief that the region does have shared values of wanting direct and indirect safety
- Perception that “safety” is not solely the responsibility of the police/peace force
- Notion that some of our community members don't feel safe
- Concept that some of our community members need healing...even those who are inflicting division and pain
- R5DC's role is to showcase regional goals and to find resources to help them achieve those goals via good planning and led by resident voices

## PARTNERSHIP

As we continue our work to build a livable and likable community, Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) and Nonviolent Peaceforce United States have partnered to bring our region The Rural MN Community Safety Project. R5DC is a regionally focused partner providing community development, economic development, and transportation initiatives in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. Nonviolent Peaceforce's mission is to protect civilians in violent conflicts through unarmed strategies, build peace side-by-side with local communities, and advocate for the wider adoption of these approaches to safeguard human lives and dignity.

## GET INVOLVED

Participate in story circles or connect one-on-one by reaching out to our program contacts. Take the survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5Safety2023>

*take the survey!* 



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