

Guardian Angels to patrol St. Paul's East Side

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ST. PAUL - The Guardian Angels will patrol St. Paul's East Side this weekend after two recent rapes in that area.

The Guardian Angels' Minneapolis chapter leader, Alice Splawn, says the citizen patrol group will provide "additional eyes and ears" in the Payne-Phalen (payn FAY'-len) neighborhood.

The Guardian Angels -- known for wearing red berets -- originated in New York City. A Minneapolis chapter was re-established last August. St. Paul does not have a chapter.

A 13-year-old girl was raped on her way to her school bus stop on St. Paul's East Side on January eight -- a week after a 57-year-old woman was raped on New Year's Day. The attacks were about a half-mile apart.

Police think the same man is responsible. No one's been arrested.