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**Fight Back Alumni  
Communication and Networking Committee  
Introductory Script  
For  
Presentations to Fight Back Groups**

Good Evening, my name is\_\_\_\_\_. I was a member of the\_\_\_\_\_group which closed in\_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you so much for inviting me to speak a few moments about my role as a Fight Back Alumnus. The Fight Back Alumni Group started February 2004. We are a new organization developed by Neighborhood Services Department to provide techniques and support for building capacity, sustainability, and revitalization efforts to new Fight groups such as you. The mission is to support the vision of the Neighborhood Services Department and the Fight Back program by mentoring new Fight Back participants, providing technical assistance, and by sharing successful partnerships for sustainable neighborhood improvement. The FB Alumni Group is here to help you with your organization. We volunteer our time and talents to you because **we believe** in building stronger neighborhoods, **we believe** in efforts which focus on revitalization, sustainability, removing crime and blight, **we believe** in resident participation and most of all **we believe** in you. It takes a willing group to make the FB program work. You might think that you have no skills, talents or abilities, but you do. You have a willing mind, heart and desire to make your community a safer and healthier place to live. The FB Alumni are examples of what can happen when you come together for the good of the

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neighborhood. It's about sharing and networking. We borrowed a phrase from the Community Leadership Institute that goes like this "Each one, Reach one, Teach one". Think about it! That is how we've sustained our neighborhood. And we want to help you do the same. I have a list for you of Alumni who are experts in certain areas. Please use the list for technical assistance. We ask that you give us as much notice as possible so that we can plan. Remember we are committed volunteers and we've been there, and done that. Let us help you!

Are there questions about my previous Fight Back or other questions?

Once again, thank you and take the opportunity to see tremendous improvements. You'll be happy that you did.