



# First Precinct - Sector 111

## Community Report

### February 2009

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During the month of February the Sector experienced a 6% increase in Major Crime; a 13% increase in violent crime (8 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 9 in 2009) and a 4% increase in property crime (28 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 29 in 2009). The increase in violent crime is directly related to robberies, 5 of the 9 reported incidents. Of the 5 reported incidents 2 have been cleared by arrest and the remaining 3 are still being investigated. Also of the 3 incidents still being investigated, we believe that 2 of them maybe related to each other; similar suspect description and in both the victim was struck by the suspect. Although we have seen an increase in the number of robberies compared to last year, there has been a 58% reduction in the number of robberies reported since December (12 in December). The current trend in Property Crime is no longer residential burglaries, there was only one reported this month. On the other hand we are still experiencing an increase in thefts related to motor vehicles (5 in 2008 compared to 15 in 2009). Here is breakdown in the crimes reported;

- 5 Thefts from motor vehicles - all items were left in the interior of the vehicles in plain view. Mostly taken were small electronics such as IPod's and portable GPS units.
- 5 Thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories - in 3 of the incidents license plates were removed from the vehicle. There are theft-proof license plate screws which can be purchased for under \$10 that can prevent this type of crime.
- 5 Motor vehicles stolen - 1 of which was left running. You can also purchase a steering wheel lock, also known as a Club, for your vehicle that can help prevent this type of crime.

During the month of February officers and detectives continued to focus on robberies, burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles throughout the Sector. They will continue to focus on these crimes during the month of March by monitoring crime trends and maintaining a presence in the affected areas. As the weather begins to warm you should notice more officers walking and patrolling your neighborhoods on bicycle. We still need the communities help in the fight against property crime, you are the eyes and ears, and we need you to call if you see anything suspicious occurring. We also need to educate our neighbors and friends when it comes to leaving valuables in our vehicles.

Crime Trends for February:

- Church Hill - thefts related from motor vehicles.
- Chimborazo - no trends.
- Church Hill North - no trends.
- Fulton - thefts related to motor vehicles.
- Oakwood - no trends.
- Union Hill - no trends.

Below is a breakdown of the violent crime that was reported;

- 4 Aggravated Assault - 3 were known offenders and cleared by arrest.
  - 2/10 - 2600 block of Q St - Church Hill North - the victim was assaulted by his roommate, the offender was arrested.
  - 2/21 - some where on N 26<sup>th</sup> St - the victim was brought into Community Hospital with a cut to his nose and hand. The victim was unable to provide the exact location or any details about the incident. Pending.
  - 2/23 - 700 block of Mosby St - Union Hill - the victim was assaulted by his roommate, the offender was arrested.
  - 2/28 - 2600 block of Q St - Church Hill North - the victim was assaulted by his girlfriend, offender was arrested.
- 5 Robberies - 2 cleared by arrest and 3 pending.
  - 2/1 - 3500 block of P St - Oakwood - the victim was walking home when she was approached by a male in white van. The suspect assaulted the victim and stole her coat and purse. Suspect description - black male, approx 6' tall, 20-24 years old, with a goatee and wearing jeans, grey fleece jacket and a black stocking cap.

- 2/3 - 4800 block of Government Rd - Fulton - the victim was approached by 3 males, one of which was armed with a handgun. The armed suspect was the only one to make contact with the victim and robbed him of money and personal items. The armed suspect was identified and arrested the following day.
- 2/19 - 1300 block of Nelson St - Fulton - the victim was robbed as he exited the school bus by 3 males. The victim was able to identify one of the three males and he was arrested the same day.
- 2/21 - 2300 block of M St - Union Hill - the two victims were walking home when they were approached by two males, one of which was armed with a handgun. The armed suspect robbed the victim's of their wallets and struck one of the victim's. Suspect descriptions - #1 black male wearing blue jeans, dark puffy coat and black stocking cap - #2 black male wearing dark puffy coat, black stocking cap and armed with a handgun.
- 2/23 - 900 block of N 27<sup>th</sup> St - Church Hill North - the victim was approached by a male as he exited his vehicle. The suspect was armed with large handgun and robbed the victim of money and his wallet. The suspect also struck the victim causing a laceration to his face. Suspect description - black male, 17-19 years old, approx 5'6" tall and thin build, wearing dark pants and black puffy coat. This incident is possibly related to the robbery in the 2300 block of M St on 2/21.

In last two newsletters I spoke about the challenges we faced in 2008 and the challenges we are facing in the beginning of 2009, residential burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles, and as we start the New Year they continue to be the most prevalent crimes and I would like to reiterate the same message from December and January - **don't leave any items inside your vehicle and keep a look out for suspicious people in your neighborhood. By keeping the interior of your car clear of personal items and valuables you can reduce the chance that you will be a victim. Also by alerting the Police of suspicious people in your community you can reduce the chance that yours or your neighbor's property will be victimized. You can contact the Police Departments Community Care Unit at 646-0407 for a free home security check which can provide you with specific crime prevention tips and assess your home for any security deficiencies.**

During this reporting period Sector 111 officers answered 969 radio calls, compiled 118 reports and investigated 11 vehicle accidents. They also made 106 misdemeanor arrests, 29 felony arrests, executed 41 warrants, issued 107 traffic summons and conducted 65 field interviews.

I want to thank the officers, detectives and community for their continued support in reducing crime within Sector 111.

Sincerely,  
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