



First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report March 2009

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During the month of March the Sector experienced a 26% increase in Major Crime; a 33% increase in violent crime (6 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 8 in 2009) and a 26% increase in property crime (47 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 59 in 2009). Of the 8 violent crimes reported 4 were Aggravated Assaults, 3 of which were committed by known offenders, and 4 were robberies, 2 of which have been cleared by arrest. The current trend in Property Crime is residential burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles. Of the 13 burglaries reported, the Fulton Neighborhood was hit the hardest with 6 homes and 1 shed victimized. The majority of thefts related to motor vehicles occurred in the neighborhoods of Church Hill and Union Hill.

Here is breakdown in the crimes reported;

Violent Crime:

- 4 Aggravated Assault - 3 were known offenders and cleared by arrest.
- 3/9 - 3400 block of E Marshall St - Chimborazo - the victim had an argument with an unknown male who returned and assaulted him with a baseball bat. Pending
- 3/10 - 1600 block of N 30th St - Church Hill North - the victim was stabbed by a known female during an argument. The female suspect was arrested.
- 3/29 - Intersection of N 23rd and E Clay Sts - Church Hill - the victim was cut with a knife by a relative after an argument. The offender was arrested.
- 3/30 - 1400 block of Jennie Scher Rd - Fulton - the victim was assaulted by his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend. The offender was arrested.

- 4 Robberies - 2 cleared by arrest and 2 pending.
- 3/8 - 1300 block of Mt Erin Dr - Fulton - the victim agreed to give a ride to three acquaintances' from Jackson Ward Neighborhood. When they arrived on Mt Erin Dr the three individuals began to beat the victim and then robbed him of money and his vehicle. The victim was able to provide enough information to arrest one of the suspects and the detectives are still attempting to identify the other two.
 - 3/4 - 1300 block of N 32nd St. - Church Hill North - the victim robbed at knife point by a known female and an unknown male after the victim refused to give the female money. The female suspect was identified and arrested. Detectives are still attempting to identify the male suspect.
 - 3/29 - 800 block of N 26th St - Church Hill North - at approximately 4:30 am the victim was at the trunk of his vehicle when an unknown male approached him, displayed a firearm and demanded money. The suspect robbed the victim of two computers and camera equipment. The suspect fled to Cedar Street where he was met by a second suspect. The victim described the first suspect as a b/m in his late teens wearing a white t-shirt, green jacket, black baggie jeans, and white tennis shoes and armed with a black handgun. He was unable to provide a description of the second suspect. The suspect description is similar to the suspect in two robberies that occurred last month; 2300 block of M St and 900 block of N 27th St.
 - 3/31 - 4300 block of Hobbs Lane - Fulton - the victim was parked speaking with his girlfriend when he was approached by two unknown males who demanded his money. The suspect ran from the area leaving his vehicle running at which time the two suspects drove off in the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered on 4/3 in the 1000 block of Jamestown Ave. Suspect description; #1 b/m, 18-20 yoa, 5'7", medium build, wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and armed with a silver handgun. #2 b/m, 18-20 yoa, 6'0, thin build, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans.

Property Crime:

- 18 Thefts related to motor vehicles (not including 4 motor vehicle thefts) - a majority of the 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.
- 11 Residential Burglaries - Of the 6 reported in the Fulton Neighborhood 1 was domestic related, 2 the owners left the front door unlocked, 2 the

persons were either in the process of moving in or out and not currently living at the home, and the last 2 were occupied houses that were entered through a rear door during the daytime while the owner was at work. Of the remaining 5; 2 were in Union Hill (both vacant homes), 2 in Church Hill North (one vacant and one was a rooming house) and 1 in Church Hill (the owner went to the store and left the front door open).

In looking at the property crime reported in the sector there are some steps that residents can take to assist in preventing these types of crimes.

Burglaries:

- Make sure you always lock your doors and window when you leave home.
- If you are working in the rear yard be sure to lock your front door.
- Don't leave items out that can be used to gain entry through a window, such as ladders.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed.
- Make sure sheds and outbuildings are always locked.
- Get to know your neighbors - if you work during the day and they work during the night keep a watch on each others property and exchange contact numbers incase there is an emergency.
- Notify the Police Dept if you are going on vacation or out of town on business.

Thefts related to motor vehicles:

- Take personal items in your home or secure in the trunk.
- Inform your guests about leaving items in the interior of their vehicles.

During the month of March officers and detectives continued to focus on robberies, burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles throughout the Sector. The dayshift officers maintained a presence in Fulton in response to the daytime burglaries, they were able to stop and identify one individual who is known to detectives for thefts in the Sector. Evening and midnight shift officers were directed to Church Hill and Union Hill for the increase in thefts related to motor vehicles. On March 31st while on patrol in Union Hill officers received a call for vandalism to a vehicle and three officers responded. While one officer talked with the victim the other two circulated the area and were able to observe an individual in the rear of a pickup truck tampering with property. The individual fit the description provided by the victim and was ultimately arrested. The car that was vandalized had the passenger window broken which was the similar to the majority of vehicles broken into in the same area. Since the arrest the number of incidents has

dramatically declined. Note the individual arrested was arrested in June of 2008 for the same crime and was just recently released from jail.

Crime Trends for February:

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

During this reporting period Sector 111 officers answered 1,287 radio calls, compiled 135 reports and investigated 9 vehicle accidents. They also made 102 misdemeanor arrests, 22 felony arrests, executed 44 warrants, issued 70 traffic summons, seized 4 guns and conducted 74 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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