



First Precinct - Sector 111

Community Report

April 2009

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During the month of March the Sector experienced a 51% increase in Major Crime; no change in violent crime (9 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 9 in 2009) and a 64% increase in property crime (36 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 59 in 2009). Of the 9 violent crimes reported 1 was a Homicide, 1 was a Rape, 4 were Aggravated Assaults (Domestic), and 3 were robberies, 1 of which has been cleared by arrest. The current trend in Property Crime is thefts related to motor vehicles, to include the theft of motor vehicles, and all other larceny which includes everything from bicycles to packages left on the front porch. Of the 33 thefts related to motor vehicles and the 11 larcenies reported Fulton, Church Hill and Union Hill was hit the hardest.

Here is breakdown in the crimes reported;

Violent Crime:

- 1 Homicide - cleared by arrest - (summary taken from Media Release)
 - 4/22 - 2200 E Leigh St - Union Hill - at approximately 4:30 pm the decedent, Jamal Holman, had broken into the vehicle. Eric Driver confronted Holman which led to an altercation resulting in the shooting of Holman.
- 1 Forcible Rape - pending warrant.
 - This incident occurred approximately 15 years ago by a family member.
- 4 Aggravated Assault Domestic - 1 cleared by arrest and 3 have warrants pending. Since these incidents are domestic related there is no summary.
- 3 Robberies - 1 cleared by arrest and 2 pending.
 - 4/9 - 5500 block of Simpson Ave - Fulton - at approximately 11:30 pm the two victims left a friends house and were approached at the rear of the address by two unknown individuals. One of the suspects displayed a

handgun and the other suspect demanded the victim's property. The suspects were able to get jewelry and a cell phone from the victims. Both suspects were described as black males, approx 5'5" to 5'8", medium build and both wearing dark clothing.

- 4/10 - 1200 block of N 30th St. - Church Hill North - at approximately 3:30 pm the victim was robbed of \$14 at knife point by a known female. The victim only knows the suspect by her first name and detectives are still attempting to identify her.
- 4/13 - 2900 block of Nine Mile Rd - Church Hill North - at approximately 11:30 am the victim was approached by the suspect. The suspect displayed a knife and robbed the victim of \$100. The victim was able to provide a description of the suspect and the vehicle he was driving. The suspect was apprehended a short time later in the 2000 block of Mechanicsville Turnpike.

Property Crime Trends:

- 26 Thefts related to motor vehicles (not including 7 motor vehicle thefts) - a majority of the items were left in the interior of the vehicles in plain view. Typically taken were small electronics such as iPod's and portable GPS units. In most of the incidents the vehicle was left unlocked or the suspect(s) would break the passenger side window to gain entry.
- 7 Motor vehicle thefts - 4 recovered / 2 not recovered / 1 attempt: Of the 7 vehicles 2 were left unlocked with keys.
 - Shockoe Bottom - 4/6 - 1900 E Franklin St
 - Fulton - 4/8-9 - 1203 Goddin St
 - Chimborazo - 4/10 - 711 Chimborazo Blvd
 - Fulton - 4/16 - 5016 Government Rd
 - Fulton - 4/18-19 - 1300 Jennie Scher Rd
 - Shockoe Bottom - 4/18-19 - 100 N 20th St
 - Fulton - 4/24-25 - 1325 Darbytown Rd
- 11 All other larceny - most of these thefts were of items that were left in yards unattended such as lawn mowers, bicycles, lumber and packages. To help combat this type of crime I suggest locking your bikes and lawn equipment in a shed or to a stationary object in your yard (deck or large tree). Also when you are at home watch for suspicious people walking the alleys and looking into yards.

Since the month of March we have been experiencing similar crime trends throughout the Sector, with a majority of the incidents occurring in the neighborhoods of Fulton, Church Hill and Union Hill. During the month of

April Fulton had still experienced some daytime burglaries to residential homes; 4 with the last reported incident on 4/26. Since we are still experiencing similar crimes, thefts related to motor vehicles and burglaries, I would like to reiterate the crime prevention tips from last month.

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 April officers and detectives continued to focus on burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles throughout the Sector. The dayshift officers maintained a presence in Fulton in response to the daytime burglaries, which was reduced from 6 to 4. With the assistance of some residents in Fulton detectives have been able to identify a group of 4 individuals believed to be involved in the burglaries and officers are currently targeting these individuals. Also two other juvenile males have been identified in some of the thefts related to motor vehicles in the same area. Evening and midnight shift officers continued to focus in Church Hill and Union Hill for the increase in thefts related to motor vehicles. There was an arrest on April 24th in the 1500 block of E Cary St for an individual breaking into a vehicle. The offender is well known by officers and detectives and has been known to frequent Church Hill and Union Hill.

Crime Trends for April:

- Church Hill - thefts related to motor vehicles.
- Chimborazo - no trends.
- Church Hill North - no trends.

- Fulton - thefts related to motor vehicle, all other larceny and residential burglaries.
- Oakwood - no trends.
- Union Hill - thefts related to motor vehicles.

During this reporting period Sector 111 officers answered 2,100 radio calls, compiled 190 reports and investigated 22 vehicle accidents. They also made 117 misdemeanor arrests, 32 felony arrests, executed 81 warrants, issued 105 traffic summons, seized 3 guns and conducted 60 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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