

First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report July 2009

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During the month of July, the Sector experienced a 19% increase in Major Crime; a 40% decrease in violent crime (15 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 9 in 2009) and a 33% increase in property crime (60 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 80 in 2009). The 9 violent crimes reported included: 1 Aggravated Assaults (Domestic related), 4 Aggravated Assault and 4 robberies. Of the 9 violent incidents reported 4 of them have been cleared by arrest and the remaining 5 are still being investigated by detectives. The current trend in Property Crime continues to be thefts related to motor vehicles and most recently residential burglaries. These burglaries are occurring mainly during the day and to both occupied homes and properties under renovation. The suspect(s) would enter the homes by either kicking in the rear door or through an open rear window.

This month officers and detectives focused in the Church Hill, Church Hill North and Union Hill neighborhoods as a result of the recent crime trends. With the assistance of a maintenance worker, members of First Precinct were able to arrest an individual that just burglarized a home in the 1200 block of N. 30th Street and assaulted the witness. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was arrested without further incident. It is believed that this individual is involved in other recent residential burglaries and detectives are following up with witnesses. From alert citizens, we have also been able to obtain a description of other possible suspects in recent burglaries and their activity prior to the incident. This information was recently provided in a crime alert that was posted on the Church Hill Peoples News website (see attached crime alert).

We have also obtained a description of a suspect who was observed by a resident breaking into a vehicle in the 300 block of N 22nd St. The witness described the suspect as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, thin build, dark complexion and wearing a horizontally stripped collard shirt. The witness also added that he didn't believe the suspect was homeless (see attached crime alert). This type of crime trend is easy to disrupt if car owners would take a couple extra minutes and remove items from the interior of their vehicles.

During this reporting period, Sector 111 officers answered 2154 radio calls, compiled 232 reports and investigated 10 vehicle accidents. They also made 116 misdemeanor arrests, 22 felony arrests, executed 59 warrants, issued 80 traffic summons, seized 2 guns and conducted 127 field interviews.

Crime Trends for July:

- *Church Hill residential burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles.
- Chimborazo residential burglaries.
- •Church Hill North residential burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles.
- •Fulton no current trend.
- *Oakwood no current trend.
- *Union Hill thefts related to motor vehicles.

As always, continue to report suspicious persons or activities to the police as soon as possible by calling the non-emergency number (646-5100).

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

Sincerely, Lt. James Laino

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