



# First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report

## October 2009

Lieutenant James J. Laino

During the month of October, the Sector experienced a 6% increase in Major Crime; a 20% decrease in violent crime (10 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 8 in 2009) and a 12% increase in property crime (43 incidents reported in 2008 compared to 48 in 2009). The 8 violent crimes reported included: 1 Aggravated Assault (Domestic related), 3 Aggravated Assaults and 4 robberies. Of the 8 violent incidents reported 3 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 residential burglaries and most recently motor vehicle theft.

A majority of the residential burglaries and motor vehicle thefts occurred in the Church Hill and Union Hill neighborhoods. With the assistance of the community and great work by First Precinct Detectives a suspect, Sterling Lewis, was identified. After officers and detectives from First Precinct exhausted their search for LEWIS, it was turned over to the Fugitive Task. On November 3rd Sterling Lewis was arrested in Newport News without incident.

### Crime Trends for September:

- Church Hill - residential burglaries and motor vehicle theft.
- Chimborazo - no current trend.
- Church Hill North - all other larceny (bikes being stolen from yards).
- Fulton - no current trend.
- Oakwood - no current trend.
- Union Hill - residential burglaries.

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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### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

First Precinct - 646-0572      Non-emergency number 646-5100  
Truancy Hotline - 646-ABCD (2223)      Drug Complaints 646-8123

### **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

Motor Vehicle Theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended (don't warm up your car)
- Never leave a spare set of keys in your vehicle
- Keep your vehicle locked

Thefts from motor vehicles:

- Always keep your vehicle locked.
- Don't leave your car running or spare keys inside.
- Take personal items in your home/apartment or secure in the trunk - especially IPod's, GPS's and change.
- Inform your guests about leaving items in the interior of their vehicles.

Burglaries:

- Make sure you always lock your doors and windows 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 -keep a watch on each others property and exchange contact numbers in case there is an emergency.
- Don't leave items unsecured in your yard such as bikes and lawn mowers; this sometimes invites criminals onto your property.
- Notify the Police Dept if you are going on vacation or out of town on business.