



# First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report April 2010

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During April, the Sector experienced a 32% decrease in Major Crime; an 11% increase in violent crime (9 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 10 in 2010) and a 39% decrease in property crime (59 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 36 in 2010). The 10 violent crimes reported included: 2 Homicides, 4 Aggravated Assaults, 2 Domestic Aggravated Assaults and 2 Commercial Robberies. Of the 10 violent incidents reported 4 have been cleared by arrest, 1 was cleared as a result of the death of the offender and the remaining 5 are still being investigated by detectives. The current trend in Property Crime remains to be thefts related to motor vehicles; however the trend appears to be slowing. This month there were 16 vehicles broken into, 3 vehicles and 3 mopeds stolen.

Throughout the month of April we focused on violent crime and thefts related to vehicles in the Fulton and Union Hill neighborhoods. During this time officers conducted high visibility assignments such as walking, directed patrol and distributing 500 Crime Alert Flyers in those areas. They also conducted undercover assignments in unmarked vehicles and plainclothes, both walking and stationary surveillances. They focused on identifying suspicious individuals in each of the focus areas. We were able to have an encouraging affect on thefts related to motor vehicles; however we have to continue to educate our neighbors about leaving their vehicles unlocked and items left inside. In the Fulton neighborhood a majority of the vehicles were left unlocked when an individual ransacked the cars and in the Union Hill / Shockoe Bottom neighborhoods items of value are still being left in plain site inside the vehicles. During the month of May we will continue to focus on thefts related to motor vehicles and violent crime with high visibility assignments and keeping the residents aware of crime trends as they occur.

### Crime Trends for March:

- Church Hill - thefts related to vehicles.
- Chimborazo - thefts related to vehicles.
- Church Hill North - Burglary and thefts from buildings.
- Fulton - Aggravated Assaults.
- Oakwood - theft from vacant properties.
- Union Hill - no current trend.

Sincerely,

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### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

First Precinct - 646-3602

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

### Theft of a moped:

- Always secure to a permanent structure at your home.
- Document the vehicle identification number - VIN.
- Take a photo and document any unique characteristics (ex. - stickers or damage).
- If possible store in a shed or garage.

### 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.
- To prevent theft of license plates, purchase anti-theft license plate screws ranging from \$3 to \$10 at your local hardware or auto parts store.

### 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.