



First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report May 2010 Lieutenant James J. Laino

During May, the Sector experienced a 15% decrease in Major Crime; a 10% increase in violent crime (10 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 11 in 2010) and a 19% decrease in property crime (58 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 47 in 2010). The 11 violent crimes reported included: 1 Homicide, 3 Aggravated Assaults, 1 Commercial Robbery and 6 Individual Robberies. Of the 11 violent incidents reported 6 have been cleared by arrest and the remaining 5 are still being investigated by detectives. The current trends in Property Crime are thefts related to motor vehicles, copper thefts from vacant homes and thefts of bicycles. This month there were 10 vehicles broken into compared to 16 last month, 6 incidents related to theft of copper and 5 bicycles stolen.

Throughout the month of May we focused on violent crime and thefts related to vehicles in the Fulton, Church Hill and Union Hill neighborhoods. During this time officers conducted high visibility assignments such as walking, directed patrol and distributing an additional 250 Crime Alert Flyers in those areas. Since the distribution of over 750 flyers and the walking assignments, the thefts related to motor vehicles have steadily declined over the past 60 days; however we have to continue to educate our neighbors about leaving their vehicles unlocked and items left inside. During the month of June we will focus on violent crime, thefts related to motor vehicles and copper thefts from vacant homes with high visibility assignments and keeping the residents aware of crime trends as they occur.

Crime Trends for May:

- Church Hill - thefts related to vehicles.
- Chimborazo - thefts related to vacant building.
- Church Hill North - bicycle thefts.
- Fulton - Robbery and motor vehicle theft.
- Oakwood - no current trend.
- Union Hill - thefts related to vehicles.

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

Significant incidents / arrests:

-Robbery - 1300 block of Garber Street - Sunday May 9th at 9:30 pm - the male victim was robbed by three males, two of which were armed with handguns. Detectives were able to identify the three suspects and with the assistance of the Focus Mission Team were able to arrest two of the three on May 19th. During these arrests they were able to obtain a search warrant for 1308 Garber Street, which resulted in the arrest of two other males, the seizure of 3 firearms and drug paraphernalia. On May 20th the third individual involved in the robbery was also arrested in the 1300 block of Garber Street. Thanks to the cooperation of the victim and detectives / officers familiarity of the suspects involved in this incident, five individuals were arrested and 3 firearms were removed from the street.

-Commercial Burglary - 2600 E Marshall Street - Thursday May 20th at 11:00 am - officers responded to St. Paul's Baptist Church to investigate a burglar alarm. The first officer on-scene observed the suspect at the rear of the building. When the officer confronted him the suspect ran. After a lengthy foot pursuit where the suspect jumped several six-foot privacy fences he was apprehended and arrested. The suspect had cut copper pipes from the church causing the basement to flood.

-Robbery - 300 block of Cedar Street - Monday May 24th at 11:10 pm - a female and two males were robbed by two armed males. A short time later an officer stopped a vehicle in the 1900 block of R Street and discovered the items that were taken during the robbery. Detectives were able to follow-up and arrest the two suspects.

-Commercial Robbery - 1720 Williamsburg Road - Thursday May 27th at 12:40 pm - the Family Dollar store was robbed by a male armed with a firearm. There were no injuries and the suspect fled the store prior to police arriving. The suspect is described as a black male approximately 25 years old, 5'11, 170 lbs, close cut hair and one or two gold teeth. He was wearing blue jeans, a short sleeve black button-up shirt, black baseball cap and sunglasses.

-Homicide - 5500 block of Euclid Ave - Thursday May 27th at 11:20 pm - the 18 year old victim was killed during a domestic incident, the offender has been arrested.

-During the month of May officers made 13 alcohol related arrests along the N 25th Street and Venable Street corridors'.

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 / bicycle:

- Always secure to a permanent structure at your home.
- Document the vehicle identification number - VIN or serial number.
- 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.