



# First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report June 2010

Lieutenant James J. Laino

During June, the Sector experienced a 14% increase in Major Crime; a 43% increase in violent crime (7 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 10 in 2010) and a 10% increase in property crime (49 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 54 in 2010). The 10 violent crimes reported included: 5 Aggravated Assaults and 5 Robberies. Of the 10 violent incidents reported 3 have been cleared by arrest, 2 there are warrants on file for the offender 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 and other items left unsecured.

There was no change this month in thefts related to motor vehicles; 10 cars were broken into, 3 cars had the catalytic converters stolen and 3 had either license plate decals or inspection stickers removed. There were also additional incidents where cars were left unlocked and someone rummaged through the vehicle, but nothing was taken. We must continually remind ourselves, visitors and neighbors not to leave our cars unlocked and/or items in the interior. In most of these cases the crime occurs during early morning hours when there are no witnesses. This is also true for other items left in a yard unsecured such as bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment and tools.

Throughout the month we focused in the neighborhoods of Fulton, Church Hill North and Union Hill in reference to violent crime and thefts from motor vehicles. Officers were assigned to patrol specific streets at specific times in each neighborhood to deter and/or apprehend individuals involved in criminal activity. The officers were in vehicles and on foot during their time in each of the neighborhoods. With all the resources dedicated to the neighborhoods we did not achieve the goal which I had set, the number of violent crimes remained constant and the number of thefts related to motor vehicles increased by 6 incidents. We will continue to focus in these neighborhoods during July, with the expectation of reducing the number of incidents.

Mark August 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendars to participate in National Night Out, there are always several events throughout the sector to celebrate this event. If you are planning an event and would like to register with the Police Department you can do so by clicking on the following link - <http://www.richmondgov.com/Police/NNO2010.aspx>

Below is a list of last year's participants;

- 2900 block of East Broad Street - organizer Winston Macon
- Victory Tabernacle Baptist Church - 600 Chimborazo Blvd - organizer Lanise Stokes
- Carlisle Baptist Church - 2010 Carlisle Ave - organizer Gloria Lucy
- Bon Secours - Community Hospital Parking Lot - 1500 N 28<sup>th</sup> Street
- Fulton Village - 800 block of Louisiana Street - organizer Carolyn Toomer
- Powhatan Hill Community Center - 5051 Northampton Street - organizer Jay Williams
- The Neighborhood Resource Center - 1519 Williamsburg Road - organizer Angie Carey
- Robinson Theater Community Arts Center - 2903 Q Street - organizer Betsy Hart
- East District Family Resource Center - 2405 Jefferson Ave - organizer Cynthia Newbille, Councilwoman
- Union Hill Civic Association (partnered with Church Hill Civic Association) - Jefferson Park Bandstand - 1900 Princess Anne Ave - organizer Michael Onsel

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Crime Trends for June:

- Church Hill - all other larceny.
- Chimborazo - no current trend.
- Church Hill North - theft from motor vehicles and unsecured property.
- Fulton - residential burglary and theft from motor vehicles.
- Oakwood - no current trend.
- Union Hill - thefts related to vehicles.

Sincerely,  
Lt. James Laino  
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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

(O) 646-0572

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### **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.