



# First Precinct - Sector 111

## Community Report

### September 2010

Lieutenant James J. Laino

During September, the Sector experienced a 29% decrease in Major Crime; there was a 25% decrease in violent crime (12 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 9 in 2010) and a 29% decrease in property crime (51 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 36 in 2010). The 9 violent crimes reported included: 4 Aggravated Assaults, 1 Commercial Robbery and 4 Individual Robberies. Of the 9 violent incidents reported 3 have been cleared by arrest, 1 is a known offender and the remaining 5 incidents are still being investigated by detectives. The current trends in Property Crime are thefts related to motor vehicles and vandalism to vehicles.

We continue to experience thefts related to motor vehicles, which is a crime that we can prevent by removing all items from the interior of our vehicles. We have also started to see an increase in vandalism to vehicles; we have had the windows broken/smashed in 12 vehicles and tires slashed on another 5 vehicles. The majority of these incidents are occurring in the Church Hill Neighborhood and the Chimborazo Neighborhood. In most of these cases the crime occurs during the late night and early morning hours when there are no witnesses.

Throughout the month we focused in Fulton in reference to violent crime and Union Hill, including a portion of Shockoe Bottom, in reference to thefts from motor vehicles. During the month of October we plan on focusing in Fulton, Church Hill and Chimborazo. We will distribute crime alerts as crime occurs and notify the Civic Association Leaders so that residents can stay aware and alert. Be mindful that school is in session and to report any school aged children that are hanging around your neighborhood during school hours.

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#### Crime Trends for September:

- Church Hill - theft from motor vehicles and vandalism to vehicles.
- Chimborazo - theft from motor vehicles.
- Church Hill North - no current trend in property crime.
- Fulton - no current trend in property crime.
- Oakwood - no current trend in property crime.
- Union Hill - no current trend in property crime.

Sincerely,  
Lt. James Laino  
First Precinct - Sector 111

#### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

First Precinct - 646-3602  
Non-emergency number 646-5100  
Truancy Hotline - 646-ABCD (2223)  
Drug Complaints 646-8123

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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. You should also cut an "X" in your license plate decals once they are affixed.

### 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.