



First Precinct - Sector 111

Community Report

October 2010

Lieutenant James J. Laino

This month's Community Report format has changed; each neighborhood's crime trends will be discussed separately.

The Church Hill neighborhood is still experiencing thefts related to motor vehicles. During October there were 3 reported at the following locations; 00 block of N 29th Street, 2400 block of E Clay Street and the 600 block of N 25th Street. In all 3 incidents the owner of the vehicle left it unlocked and unattended for a period of time. On the 23rd there was a chainsaw stolen out of a shed in the 400 block of N 31st Street. Thefts from sheds have not been an issue since the beginning of the summer, however some concerned residents advised that "junk" collectors may be overstepping their bounds and entering private property to collect scrap metal. Information was sent out through the Church Hill Crime Watch, the Church Hill People's News and an interview was conducted with Channel 8's A. J. Lagoe.

The Church Hill North neighborhood experienced 2 violent crimes, to include an aggravated assault and a robbery. The assault occurred in the 1300 block of N 28th Street on Tuesday the 26th at 8:30 pm. The male victim and female suspect had a verbal argument that turned physical. The male was cut on his back and treated for a non-life threatening injury and the female was arrested, the two individuals knew each other. The robbery occurred in the 1000 block of N 31st Street on Saturday the 9th at approximately 12:30 am. As the male victim was walking he was approached by 3 unknown males who attempted to rob him, one of which was armed with a handgun. The victim fought with the armed suspect and was shot twice during the struggle. The victim was treated for his injuries and detectives are still attempting to identify the suspects.

There is currently no crime trend for the neighborhoods of Chimborazo and Oakwood.

The Fulton neighborhood has experienced an increase in crime during this month. Most notable were 4 robberies, 2 assaults and the 9 thefts related to motor vehicles. Of the 4 robberies, 3 are related and occurred in the Wynwood Apartment Complex located in the 1200 block of Nelson Street. The robberies occurred on the following dates; Wednesday the 12th at 10:17 pm, Monday the 18th at 1:00 pm and Sunday the 31st at 11:30 pm. In all 3 incidents the victim's were approached by two males, one of which was armed with a silver handgun. The following suspect description was provided; Suspect #1 - black male, approximately 23 years old, 5'7" tall, thin build and armed with a silver handgun and Suspect #2 - black male, approximately 23 years old, 5'9" tall and thin build. Both suspects were wearing black hooded sweat shirts and black jeans. The fourth robbery occurred on Tuesday the 26th at 9:45 pm in the 2000 block of Rawlings St. During this

incident the two victims were sitting on the front porch when they were approached by two males, one of which was armed with a small handgun. The victims were robbed of money and the

two suspects were last seen running south on Rawlings Street. The following descriptions were provided; Suspect #1 - black male approximately 17 years old, 6', 150 lbs, light complexion, wearing black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans, armed with a small handgun and Suspect #2 - black male approximately 17 years old, 5'8" to 6', slender build, light to medium complexion, wearing a puffy black jacket and dark jeans. Detectives are still investigating these incidents and if you have any information please contact the precinct or me by phone or email.

The two assaults that occurred during the month have both been cleared with an arrest. The first assault occurred on Saturday the 16th at 4:45 pm in the 1400 block of Jennie Scher Road and second occurred on Wednesday the 20th at 9:00 pm in the 2100 block of Williamsburg Road. As far as the 9 thefts related to motor vehicles, the majority of them occurred during the early morning hours with some of the vehicle being unlocked, and they occurred at the following locations; 2 in 5400 block of Parker Street, 5200 block of Salem Street, 5300 block of Wingfield Street, 1200 block of Nelson Street, 1400 block of Nelson Street, 1800 block of Fenton Street, 5400 block of Parker Street, 5000 block of Government Road and 1500 block of Jennie Scher Road.

The current trend in the Union Hill Neighborhood is thefts related to motor vehicles, there were 4 reported incidents during October. The incidents occurred at the following locations; 1900 block of Princess Anne Ave, 2000 block of Cedar Street, 2100 Venable Street and 1800 block of E Marshall Street. The officers were able to arrest 2 individuals after the incident on Princess Anne Ave, thanks to the vehicle owner witnessing the theft and providing suspect information to the responding officers.

There were also 9 drug related arrests in the Sector for the month of October at the following locations; 2600 block of T Street, 500 block of N 25th Street, 1300 block of Oakwood Ave, 2400 block of Venable Street, 1900 Princess Anne Ave, 3000 Williamsburg Ave, 2500 block of Q Street and 2 in the 800 block of Oliver Hill Way. There were an additional 9 arrests related to disorderly behavior and drunkenness.

During the month of November our focus is going to be on robberies in the Fulton neighborhood, officers will be walking and on directed patrol assignments in those areas. We will also continue to watch for trends in burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles in other neighborhoods.

With the Holiday Season here and the time change it is important that you remain alert and aware of our surroundings. You should always park in well lighted areas and notify us if there is any street lights out. You should avoid carrying large sums of money and using ATM's at night. Also place packages in the trunk of your vehicle where they can't be seen.

Sincerely,
Lt. James Laino

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.