



First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report December 2010

Lieutenant James J. Laino

As we close the book on 2010, I would like to thank the officers and detectives that are assigned to the Sector for all their hard work throughout the year and the citizens who reside and work within the Sector for their continued support and assistance. Thanks to the collaborative effort between the police and the community this year, Sector 111 experienced an 11% decrease in Major Crime; a 2% reduction in violent crime (100 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 98 in 2010) and a 12% reduction in property crime (613 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 540 in 2010). During the year, the officers and detectives focused on specific crimes in target areas while the citizens were kept abreast of crime trends and provided assistance in solving problems. I look forward to building upon the present relationships with the citizens, businesses and civic associations in the New Year.

During the month of December, Sector 111 experienced an 11% increase in Major Crime; a 71% reduction in violent crime (7 incidents in 2009 compared to 2 in 2010) and a 29% increase in property crime (31 incidents compared to 40 in 2010). See below for information and crime trends for your neighborhood:

The Church Hill Neighborhood is still experiencing thefts related to motor vehicles. During December, there were 3 reported at the following locations; 2600 block of E. Broad Street, 2800 block of E. Broad Street and the 600 block of N 25th Street. In one incident, the owner left the vehicle unlocked and in the other two incidents, the front passenger window was smashed in order to gain entry. During the month of November, the neighborhood experienced an increase in residential burglaries; there were 5 burglaries reported. Information about the incidents was sent out through the Church Hill Crime Watch and also in Church Hill Peoples News. With the help of a watchful citizen, officers were able to make a quick arrest after a male was seen breaking into a garage in the 2700 block of E. Broad Street. Thankfully since November, we haven't had any additional incidents reported.

The Church Hill North Neighborhood also experienced an increase in residential burglaries; there were 4 reported during the month of December; 1100 block of N 29th Street, 1200 block of N 29th Street, 1400 block of N 29th Street and 1100 block of N 33rd Street. There were two individuals arrested for the burglary in 1400 block of N 29th Street, thanks to the assistance of RRHA Police who stopped the suspects with the stolen items. There have also been numerous reports of thefts related to precious metals, such as copper and aluminum, from properties under renovation and/or vacant.

There is currently no crime trend for the neighborhoods of Chimborazo and Oakwood. However during the month of November there were 5 residential burglaries reported in the two neighborhoods, which we believe were related to some of the incidents reported in Church Hill North and Church Hill.

In reference to the residential burglaries in the neighborhoods noted above, we believe that there were at least 3 to 4 different groups of suspects that were working independently of one another. With the help of watchful neighbors, we were able to either arrest or identify suspects in 5 incidents. In two of the incidents that occurred along the boarder of Church Hill and Chimborazo, witnesses described an older model brown station wagon with a middle aged black male and female as the suspects, as of this report we have not been able to identify the vehicle or the occupants. In the Church Hill neighborhood it was believed that individuals known as "junk collectors" were responsible for some of the incidents and on November 17th one was arrested for breaking into a garage. In the Oakwood and Church Hill North Neighborhoods, we were able to identify two juveniles after they were observed by a neighbor leaving a home in the 1100 block of N 32nd Street. Since we have identified the juveniles, the incidents in the area have stopped. Then we were able to make a quick arrest on two individuals that were stopped by RRHA Police when we linked the property in their possession to a recently committed burglary in the 1400 block of N 29th Street.

After a busy October in the Fulton Neighborhood things have quieted down during the months of November and December. In the last two months of the year, there were two robberies reported; the Commercial Robbery of the Fine Food Superette and an Individual Robbery in the 1600 block of Nelson Street, both of these incidents are still being investigated by detectives. The Commercial Robbery occurred at 4904 Government Road on Friday 11/26 at approximately 8:00 pm. The suspect entered the business armed with a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. The suspect was described as a black male 6'0" tall, medium build, 31 years

old and wearing all dark clothing. The Individual Robbery occurred in the 1600 block of Nelson Street on Wednesday 12/29 at approximately 9:00 pm when 3 unknown suspects approached the male victim, produced a handgun and robbed him of personal items. The suspects were last seen running toward Henrico Arms Apartments. There were also 12 property crimes reported over the last two months, however there is no pattern or trend in those.

At this time, there is no current trend in Union Hill, however during the month; the Mosby Express Store located at 715 Mosby Street was broken into twice. Both times the suspected entered by breaking or pushing out the glass to the door.

During the first month of the New Year we will continue to focus on robberies in the Fulton neighborhood, officers will be walking and on directed patrol assignments. We will also continue to watch for trends in burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles in the neighborhoods of Church Hill, Church Hill North and Union Hill.

Sincerely,
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