



# First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report April 2011

Lieutenant James J. Laino

During the later part of April there were some changes within the Police Department and at the Precinct, Captain Johnson was promoted to Major and Captain Sybil El-Amin was transferred to become the new Commander of First Precinct. I was also reassigned to the Executive Officers position within the Precinct and Lieutenant Cynthia Riley will now be overseeing Sector 111. Since I am still assigned to the Precinct I will be introducing Lt. Riley at the Community Meetings and assisting her with the transition. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance since January 2008, when I returned to the Precinct. This has been one of the most rewarding assignments I have had the opportunity to work. I have built a lot of relationships over the years which I am sure will prove to be valuable in the remainder of my career. My contact information has not changed, please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

During the month of April, Sector 111 experienced a 20% increase in Major Crime; a 60% decrease in violent crime (10 incidents in 2010 compared to 4 in 2011) and a 42% increase in property crime (36 incidents compared to 51 in 2011). See below for information and crime trends for your neighborhood:

The current trend for the Church Hill Neighborhood is related to copper thefts from vacant properties, during this month there were 2 incidents reported. I have also received information that individuals have been observed either ringing door bells or knocking on doors, last reported incident occurred in the 3000 block of E Marshall Street. In the past when we were alerted to this type of activity it was followed by an increase in residential burglaries. Please keep a watch and contact the police if you observe any suspicious activity.

There is currently no crime trend for the Church Hill North Neighborhood.

There is currently no crime trend for the Chimborazo Neighborhood.

There is currently no crime trend for the Oakwood Neighborhood.

The Fulton Neighborhood has experienced 4 burglaries, 10 thefts related to motor vehicles and 5 thefts related to unattended property. Here is the breakdown;

-The burglaries occurred at the following locations

- 1600 block of Jennie Scher Rd - occurred over a week period. Household items taken.
- 1600 block of Jennie Scher Rd - occurred between 10:00am and midnight. Money and small electronics taken.
- 1700 block of Carlisle Ave - occurred over a week period. Small electronics taken.
- 5500 block of Parker St - occurred between 5:00pm and 10:00pm. Nothing taken.

-The majority of the thefts related to the motor vehicles occurred in the area south of Williamsburg Road and east of Arcadia Street. In response to the number of incidents midnight shift sergeants and officers distributed approximately 700 crime alert flyers and increased patrols in the area.

-There was also an increase in thefts related unattended property, to include bicycles and a ladder.

There is currently no crime current trend for the Union Hill Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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Non-emergency number 646-5100

Truancy Hotline - 646-ABCD (2223)

Drug Complaints 646-8123

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## **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

### **Burglaries:**

- During the winter months remove portable air conditioners from your windows; this has been a point of entry in recent 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.

### **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.