

THIRD PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
3000 MINNEHAHA AVENUE
January 28, 2013

3rd Precinct Mission Statement:

Reduce crime, establish good relationships with the community

- Call to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chair Kathie Carlson
- Introductions mentioning neighborhood and/or affiliation with 3rd Precinct. Inspector Mike Sullivan welcomed everyone and introduced himself to those attending.

Minutes from November meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer's report was approved.

HOLIDAY DINNER AT PRECINCT UPDATE: Kathie Carlson

Thanks to everyone. Holiday dinner served about 95 people and officers very appreciative.

CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST UPDATES:

Sector 3 (CPS Sue Roethele). Sector 3, the neighborhoods South of E. 42nd St., has seen a large increase in burglaries. Three crime alerts have been issued with 31 burglaries all together. Six of the burglaries were occupied home burglaries. A majority of these burglaries are forced entry. Patrols are addressing areas that are getting hit hard. Sue mentioned that she has been doing research and that this is a lot of crime prevention information online about securing doors and windows. Question came up about the rash of tires stolen at the end of last year. Sue stated that they have greatly reduced and she only had one case in December.

Sector 1 (CPS Don Greeley) Sector 1, the four neighborhoods in Phillips, is also getting hit hard with burglaries. They have had 6 burglaries in the last two weeks with four being forced and one occupied. There is little or no suspect information and Don will be issuing a crime alert soon. Last month, he issued a police advisory about GPS thefts from cars and there seem to be an improvement in these crimes.

Sector 4 (CPS Karen Notsch for Shun Tillman). Sector 4 are the neighborhoods East of Hiawatha. Shun has issued a crime alert for the Seward neighborhood on garage burglaries they have had from January 4th to the 7th.

Sector 2 (CPS Karen Notsch). Sector 2 are the neighborhoods between E. Lake Street to E. 42nd St, 2nd Avenue South to Hiawatha. Year end part one crimes showed two of the six neighborhoods down in part one crimes with neighborhoods Bryant and Corcoran showing an increase with robberies being the main problem. A new 3rd precinct resource list was issued due to staff changes that the Inspector will talk about. A crime alert was also issued for robbery of businesses in Sector 2. So far they have been a total of five, with four possibly being related.

Question: If you call from a cell phone but can not give your location, how does 911 know how to locate you. The Inspector and Lt May answered that 911 has the capability to narrow down the location, although it might not be exact, they can locate approximately where the call came from. Just stay on the line even if you can't talk.

STATE OF THE PRECINCT: Inspector Mike Sullivan

- Year to date part one crimes are significantly lower. Burglary is down 19.2% and robbery 29%.
- Although if you do a comparison of last week this year to last year, part one crimes are up.
- There have been some outstanding changes in the precinct and the department. Lt. Taylor is now the day shift Lt, Lt Giovanni Veliz is the middle shift supervisor and Lt Knight continues to be the night shift supervisor. Lt Derrick Barnes is going to be the new Lt in charge of Investigations.
- There have been changes in the dept with Chief Harteau having a strong vision on where she wants the MPD to go. Her vision is shared by administration and it involves a lot of positive changes. Supervisors just went through a training about the changes and next week, all officers will be attending meetings to get information about the new direction. The changes involve officers taking ownership of their duties and giving them more accountability. Inspector Sullivan feels it will be a positive change for the dept.
- Inspector Sullivan talked about the prep meetings for CODEFOR at the 3rd Precinct. Three issues are identified weekly with strategies on how to deal with the issues and who would be accountable to make sure the strategies are implemented. The issues this week are
 - 1. Robbery of businesses with the crime alert being issued, directed patrols in area that is being hit. So far squads have dropped in or monitored over 100 businesses with CRT attempting to get information about suspects.
 - 2. Burglaries in Sector 3 & 4. Besides some the police strategies, an example was given where a citizen saw a person trying doors and instead of calling 911, followed the person and then confronted the person about what they were doing. The citizen then went home to find that their home had just been burglarized and the suspect may have been the person they confronted. It was identified that we need citizens to be part of the strategy and call immediately when they see something suspicious.
 - 3. Chicago/Lake intersection around the transit area. It was identified that some assaults and livability issues were in the area were on the increase so working with MTC, the area was being addressed by CRT, directed patrol and MTC police.
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OFFICER OF THE MONTH

- November 2012. Officer Eric Bullen from Day watch was identified as making substantial proactive arrests, was highly motivated and respected by the officers on his shift for the work he had done.
- December 2012. Officer Faulkner was identified as a highly proactive and motivated officer that other officers respect. He was recently in a news story about a woman with an infant who called 911 as she had no food for her baby. Officer Faulkner said he would be back in a bit and

although the woman did not expect him to return, he did return with milk and a substantial amount of Similac for the infant.

- Inspector Sullivan commended Lt May with CRT about the transformation that CRT has gone through. The CRT Unit has been extremely proactive and productive in not only arrests, seizing drugs, money and vehicles but acquiring information used in investigations.

Question: Where do narcotics go when it is seized.

Lt. May explained that the narcotics are often brought to the BCA for testing and held for cases. Once it is no longer needed to hold onto the narcotics, it is destroyed.

Question: I understand that officers from other precinct assist at 3rd Precinct.

Lt May explained that the SOD unit, Special Operations Department, is made up of officers that work citywide and assist precincts when there are areas that need targeting. They are housed out of the Northside but their responsibility is citywide.

Question: Response times due to recent article about 911. Resident called 911 and was put on hold twice when calling about a burglary at his neighbor's house. The call was answered by an automated system that said, "Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line." Several comments from other residents expressed a concern. The Inspector said he would follow up on it but also suggested that maybe 911 could come to a 3PAC meeting to answer questions. Sometimes what seems like a long time, is only seconds.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE: Lt. Dan May

Although CODEFOR has changed, CRT continues to have the same function and priority. They are addressing the foot traffic areas like Lake & Bloomington and Lake & Chicago. Due to the season, prostitution is down so more time has been dedicated to narcotics in the 3rd Pct.

In November and December, CRT has made 57 felony arrests, 2 gross misdemeanor arrests, 124 misdemeanor arrests as well as 7 misdemeanor prostitution arrests. They have done 24 search warrants, 33 special details and recovered 8 handguns and seized six vehicles.

Some highlights were a search warrant in the Phillips neighborhood that lead to 6 arrests.

A male who was selling narcotics in 3rd Precinct realized that he had a GPS attached to his vehicle and through it away. The GPS was recovered with the help of the BCA and the male was arrested later with 22 grams of crack on his possession. A search warrant of his apt. led to an additional 88 grams of crack, \$4800 and his vehicle was seized.

The manager of McDonalds was arrested for narcotics and 4.5 grams of crack was seized.

The Lt highlighted many more cases where CRT seized money and drugs that have impacted the narcotics market in the 3rd Precinct.

PROPERTY CRIME COURTWATCH: Marcy Tollefson

Last Courtwatch meeting was January 14th with low attendance but there were four new members and all had been burglary victims. Impact statements were submitted with the County

Attorney going over current defendants. Monday, March 11th will be the next court watch meeting at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. All are welcome.

A representative from the City Attorney's office was in attendance. Jodi Lindskog will not be returning as the 3rd Precinct Community Attorney but that the decision will be made soon on who will be her replacement.

Question: 3PAC used to bring people in to talk about subjects. Can that be brought back to the 3PAC agenda. Suggestions from members were to have a 911 supervisor come as well as someone from Regulatory Services at a meeting. Members felt a 15 minutes presentation would not disrupt the agenda.

Next meeting Monday, March 25th at 6:30 pm at the 3rd Precinct.

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