



First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report October 2008

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During the month of October Sector 111 continued to show reductions in the number of crimes reported. Over all the neighborhoods that make up the sector had a 22% reduction in all major crime; there was a 0% change in violent crime (11 incidents reported in 2007 and 11 in 2008) and a 26% reduction in property crime. I attribute these great reductions to the Sector Officers that patrol the streets, the FMT Detectives and the citizens that continue to support us.

Crime Trends for October:

- Church Hill - no trends.
- Chimborazo - motor vehicle theft.
- Church Hill North - no trends.
- Fulton - daytime residential burglary and theft from buildings.
- Oakwood - residential burglary.
- Union Hill - no trends.

Burglaries and motor vehicle thefts are again the two main crimes that affected the sector. The majority of burglaries are occurring during the daytime in the Fulton neighborhood. At this time it is believed that juveniles are responsible for some of the incidents and I am urging residents to call if they see any school aged children that are skipping school. There also appears to be a rise in thefts from motor vehicles, please make sure you and your neighbors are not leaving any items in plain view on the interior of your vehicle.

Highlights

From September - On 9/19/08 First Precinct Midnight shift officers conducted a traffic check point in the 4800 block of Government Rd from 10:30 pm until midnight, they checked 123 vehicles and issued 13 summons.,

During the month of October the Anti-Crime Unit, a newly formed plain clothes unit within the Precinct, set up a sting operation to catch individuals breaking into cars. During the first overnight operation the detectives were successful in apprehending a 23 year old male that removed small electronics from a decoy car located on the border of Church Hill and Shockoe Bottom.

From the 19th until the 30th Sector Officers flexed their hours and provided additional coverage in the Church Hill North area in response to the increase of violent crime, property crime and reported narcotics offenses. This placed an additional 2 officers in the neighborhood from 12:00pm until 10:00pm, during which time they utilized bike patrols, walking and directed patrols. Throughout the 11 day period there was a 66% reduction in property crime reported. The officers made multiple arrests, contacts and disrupted the current crime trends.

On October 31st Sgt. Carrie Bolding organized a gun safety event at First Precinct. During the event candy, hotdogs, drinks and most importantly gun safety literature and 75 gun locks were handed out. It is estimated that 450 children attended the event from various parts of First Precinct. Sgt. Bolding decided to organize the event after the unfortunate incident involving the 5 year old that was fatally shot in the 2400 block of M St.

During this reporting period Sector 111 officers answered 1606 radio calls, compiled 163 reports and investigated 15 vehicle accidents. They also made 95 misdemeanor arrests, 16 felony arrests, executed 57 warrants, issued 84 traffic summons, conducted 102 field interviews and seized 4 guns.

I want to thank the Sector Officers, FMT Detectives and the other divisions within the Department that have assisted with our efforts to make the Sector and the City a safer place to live and work. I would also like to

thank the citizens for their continued support and assistance with alerting us to issues within their neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
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