

DISTRICT SEVEN CRIME & SAFETY MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2009
PARKLAWN YMCA
4340 N. 46th Street
6:30PM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Captain William Jessup called the meeting to order.

II. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION: The Block Watch Council presented two Certificates of Appreciation at the November meeting.

A. Alderman Joe Davis- Alderman Joe Davis has personally organized over six groups of his constituents to form Block Watches. He has consistently supported the Block Watch Program by actively organizing these groups and encouraging citizens to get involved. He is also responsible for procuring digital cameras for the City Wide Block Watch Council that are available to members of the Block Watch to take pictures of criminal activity, run-down properties and other quality of life issues.

B. Peter Garcia – Mr. Garcia was responsible for working with the police in the arrest of six burglars in his neighborhood.

III. BURGLARY INITIATIVE UPDATE:

A. Detective Anne Portnoy – Presented the Report from 8-1-09 to 10-31-09

At the end of August, Burglaries reached its highest point and then fluctuates.

Most Burglaries have occurred on Thursdays (47) and Fridays—(46) compared to Sundays (31) and Mondays (32) and Saturdays (32). The highest incidence of the crime occur during the day shift and decrease as the day goes on.

310 Residential Burglaries—183 (from 8-1 to 9-19) decreased to 127 (from 9-20 to 10-31)

- 1. ARRESTS—**87 ADULT arrests for 99 incidents--31 were charged, 10 were charged with amended charges (theft, receiving stolen property, etc.) 17- not processed; 13 are still pending; 2 with another felony.
23 JUVENILES for 23 incidents—11 charged; 3 charges with amended crimes, 5 not processed; 2 still pending and 2 municipal charges.
- 2. How do they get in?** Unlocked windows, unlocked doors, kicking in the door, Breaking glass windows, prying doors/windows, air conditioners.
- 3. What are they taking? (from 8-1 to 9-19)** 85 flat screen (in 67 inc.), 49 laptops (in 45 inc.), 55 game systems, jewelry (31 inc.), \$\$\$ (29), guns (6) **house/car keys (5) (from 9-20 to 10-31)** 48 flat screens (36 inc.), 24 laptops (21 inc), 48 game systems, jewelry (25), \$\$\$ (19), guns (9), house/car keys (4)
- 4. Evidence recovered—**DNA at 21 offenses; 320 latent fingerprints
- 5. Items to be aware of—**purse snatcher, 7 incidents with baby/kids clothes/highchairs, baby bouncers, 9 incidents with keys/garage door openers, 18 incidents where clothing & jackets were taken

Since 10-31, the MPD were able to get an additional 3 crews in custody believed to be responsible for several burglaries in Districts 4 and 7. Charges have been issues for all

B. IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME

- Do not touch anything—make a list of what you think might be missing
- Call the police—and be patient
- Do not call all your family and friends to the scene –(contamination)

C. REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

- Pay attention to unfamiliar people in your neighborhood
- If someone rings your doorbell and asks for someone who does not live there—note what they are wearing, as well as age, height, weight,--see if they came in a vehicle and call the police.
- If you see a burglary in progress—shout, make a noise. Most burglars will not commit the crime if they think they are being watched. Another option—call 911

D. HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

- Always lock doors and windows—even if you are just leaving for a minute.
- Use motion lights—install out of reach of possible suspects
- Know your neighbors—especially the nosy ones
- Write down the serial numbers of your property
- Be careful how you display your Christmas tree—Use curtains/blinds
- Don't advertise your recent purchases in the trash
- Be careful where you keep your house/garage/car keys

E. TIS THE SEASON!

- As the holiday season approaches, garage burglaries tend to increase in search of snowblowers—cover up wheel tracks back into your garage. If you are in a generous mood, snowblow your neighbor's walk too—if the “bad guys” can't figure out who owns the snowblower, it will make their job more difficult.
- Robberies also increase. Criminals know that people are carrying around more cash around the holidays. Pay special attention to alleys and unfamiliar people walking around when you park your vehicle. If you are able to do so, call ahead and have someone meet you outside to walk you to your car/garage, as well as turn on front or back door lights.

IV. OTHER ITEMS:

- A. Con Artist:** For a number of years, an older man has been working neighborhoods all over the city, claiming to be a former worker from Miller Brewery. He seems to scout the neighborhood in order to imply that he just moved into the neighborhood, he has told people he is the Block Captain, he uses neighbor's names in order to gain the trust of people into paying him for discounted beer and soda that he never delivers. He recently was arrested by an off-duty patrol officer.
- B. Traffic Advisory Meeting**—A meeting will be held at Marquette University in the Cudahy Room to address traffic stops by the police on November 18. The police were looking to garner citizen support for the importance of continuing stops which frequently lead to the arrests for serious issues. Increase in stops does not necessarily mean increase in citations.
- C. Video from Channel 6 on Chief Flynn and District Captains Conference calls.**
The video was not shown because of lack of proper equipment.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

- VI. NEXT MEETING:** There will be no Crime & Safety Meeting in December. The next meeting will be in January, 2010.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, January 18, 2010
TBA
6:30PM