

Notes from the South West Area Command  
Commancer's Forum  
Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Sgt. Haggerty, District Representative Unit Supervisor for SWAC moderated the meeting. Commander Joy Mooney reviewed statistics for the last quarter of 2007 with comparisons to prior quarters. Oak Parke is situated in the David sector of the City. Below is a synopsis of some of the data shared with those attending.

The David sector was second in the number of cases worked/solved in the city.

Overall citywide statistics indicate our area is the second safest.

- 10.7% increase in Aggravated Assault cases
- 29.5% increase in Burglaries
- 14.5% increase in Thefts
- 29.0% increase in Auto Theft (with a 75% recovery rate)
- 2 home invasions in the last quarter of 2007 (one in Circle C/jewelry)
- 210 burglaries at private residences
- 59 burglaries of businesses (including 11 break-ins to drug stores to steal drugs used in manufacture of meth and other controlled substances)
- 587 car burglaries (items taken from cars) We are #1 in this category.
- 1 auto fatality Mopac at Cross Park
- 190 Felony Arrests
- 193 DWI/DUI arrests
- 813 Curfew Violations

When charted, the months of January, March, August, and October have the highest incidence of crime.

Police suggest residents commit the slogan LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEY, HIDE YOUR STUFF and apply to everyday life.

In our area, 14 cars were stolen from Barton Creek Mall parking lots.

There was also a rash of purse snatchings at Barton Creek Mall.

Circle C has reported a return of vandals shooting out rear windows on SUV's. Recommend backing vans into driveways to minimize damage. APD has persons of interest under surveillance. Need to catch them in the act.

Commnder Mooney stated she has requested funding for clandestine surveillance cameras that can be set up in targeted neighborhoods to catch perpetrators in the act. Item is pending.

The issue of solicitors was brought up from the floor. Door to door sales are not illegal in Austin. Solicitors need to display an ID on their person indicating their company affiliation. RESIDENTS CAN CALL 911 AND REPORT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON and a police officer will be dispatched to investigate the situation.

The David Sector has initiated a "Safe Walk Home" program with stepped up patrols around neighborhood schools from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The intent is to increase visibility at a time when children are walking home after school or extracurricular activities.

Commander Mooney announced that she has accepted a new assignment and will be assuming her new duties shortly. She introduced Commander Brad Connor who is assuming the Area Commander position. (He did not stay long and did not take questions, but stated he is committed to continue the successful initiatives of his predecessor)

A brief presentation was made on the City's Code Enforcement Division.