



CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
ON THE BEAT
RESPONSE AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hickory Grove Response Area Two

August 2013

Welcome to all my readers;

Thank you for taking the time to read another edition of ON THE BEAT; this is the forum where I can share information about the Hickory Grove Division Response Area 2. Now that we are officially in the summer months, many of you may be taking vacations. Please take the time to let a trusted neighbor/friend/relative know your itinerary as well as your contact information in the event of an emergency. In addition, you may call our division office (704 567-9198) and request a zone check for the time you will be gone.

Thank you for taking the time to review another issue of my newsletter. If you have anything you would like for me to add or to pass on here, please feel free to email me at ebrady@cmpd.org and I will do my best to include it in future issues.

Thanks again for staying engaged in this community and making it a safer place for all.



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Crime Stats for the Month

Percent Change

Comparison is from
07-01-2012 through 07-31-2012
07-01-2013 through 07-31-2013

Incident Type	Previous Count	Current Count	Difference	Percent Change
Commercial Burglary	4	11	7	175.00 %
Larceny from Auto	17	23	6	35.29 %
Larceny of Bicycle	0	4	4	NA
Aggravated Assault-Other Weapon	1	3	2	200.00 %
Larceny from Building	2	4	2	100.00 %
Auto Theft	12	12	0	0.00 %
Strong Arm Robbery	1	1	0	0.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Fists,Feet, etc.	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Arson	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg	2	1	-1	-50.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Gun	4	2	-2	-50.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Knife	3	1	-2	-66.67 %
Larceny-Other	16	12	-4	-25.00 %
Larceny-Shoplifting	8	4	-4	-50.00 %
Armed Robbery	6	1	-5	-83.33 %
Residential Burglary	22	14	-8	-36.36 %

As you can see by the chart above, we have noticed an increase in Commercial Burglary. In efforts to address this trend, I have shifted officers' focus and have my evening officers paying closer attention to the businesses in the area to prevent further crimes. We are seeing an increase in Larceny from Auto and many of the reports that I am reading are where cars have been left unlocked and valuables left inside... I ask all of you to please remove your valuables and remember to lock your doors.

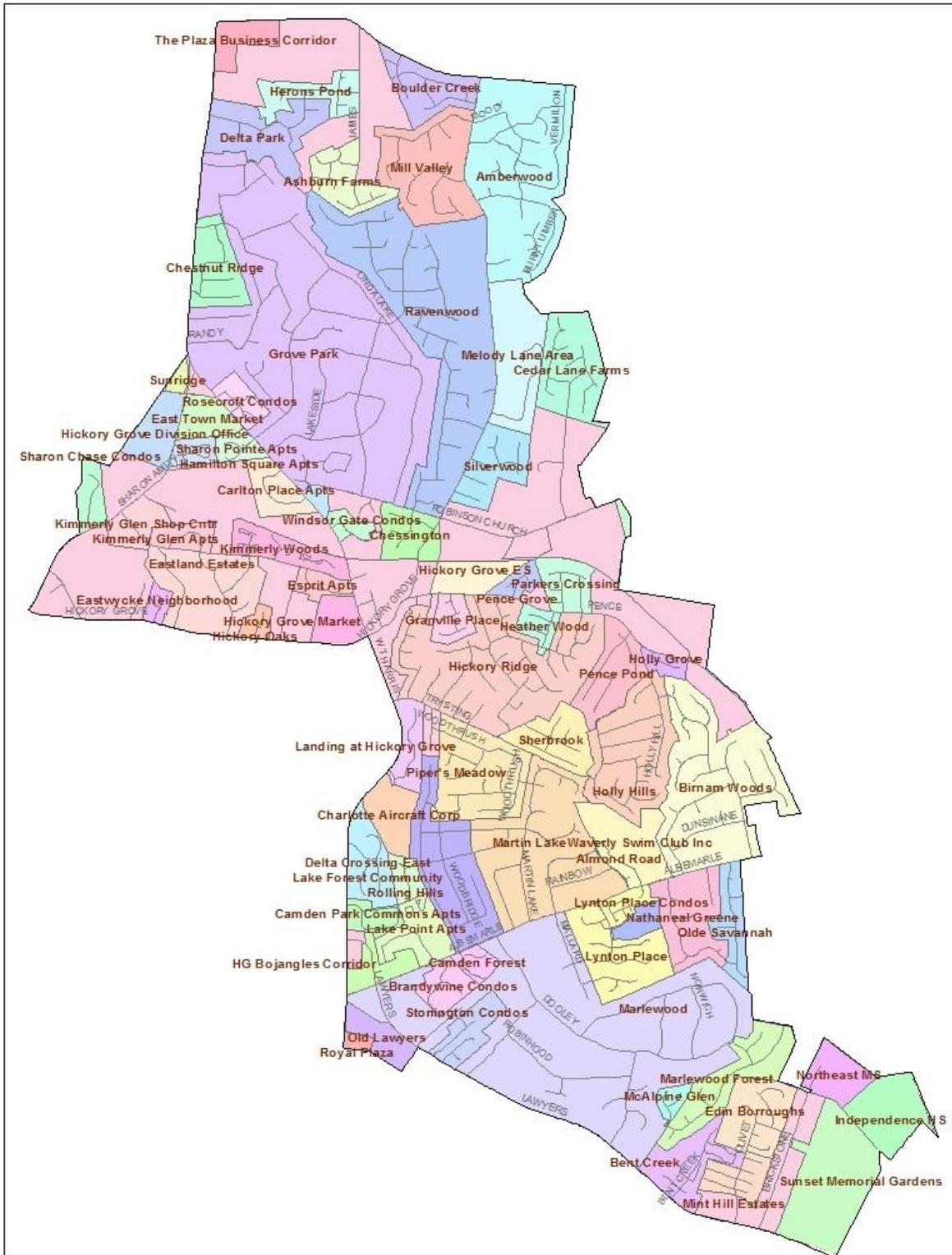
I am happy to see that our Residential Burglary numbers are down and our auto thefts have leveled off.

I have heard from several of you with concerns over loitering around the BP gas station on Harris Blvd at Milton Rd.. Just an update on that. We have made several arrests at that location and have stepped up our enforcement and are taking other measures to eliminate that spot as a desirable location for that activity. Please understand that this problem cannot be resolved over night and that it will take a period of time for us to have an impact. I just wanted to let all of you that are concerned to know that the problem is being addressed.

Thank you again

Lt Brady

RESPONSE AREA 2



Coordinators Corner

Well it is soon to be back to school time and with that comes a lot of start-up fall meetings. Please check with me in as much advance as possible so I can meet your needs. Continue to watch out for one another and don't hesitate to call 911 if you need us.

Officer Ericka Conway



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Upcoming Events or Community Meetings

Aug. 6, 2012 NNO

Grove Park

Ravenwood

Rosecroft

Parkland Circle Apts.

Copper Creek Apts.

Holly Hills

8-13-2013 at 6pm

Place TBA

Contact: Cynthia Smith

Northside Church of Christ

8-17-2013 11- 3pm

Back to School Event

4435 E WT Harris Blvd.

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Home Prevention Tips



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Home Security Recommendations

Landscaping

Overgrown landscaping (bushes, trees, shrubs) situated in front of windows and around doors can provide easy concealment when burglarizing a home. It is recommended that bushes and shrubs be kept cut down to 3 ft off the ground, and that trees be trimmed up 6 ft off the ground. Maintained landscaping also shows pride in ownership and gives the house that "lived in look".

Lighting

All entrances (front, side, rear) should have lighting with enough wattage to light up the entire entry area (porch, steps, decks). The lighting should also be bright enough for facial recognition during the evening and night hours. Adding flood lights to all sides of your home help in lighting the perimeter areas of the house and yard , and should operate on timers or motion sensors.

Fencing

Having a fence, whether it is around the entire yard or just the back yard, shows ownership and defines property lines. It is important to keep the fence in good repair and try to keep the gate locked when not in use. This also benefits when you have a dog, which is always an added security advantage. Privacy fencing, although nice, definitely serves its purpose for giving homeowners privacy from their neighbors and other surroundings. It also is beneficial to a burglar and gives them that extra advantage of concealment.

Sheds, Outdoor closets, Garages

Always keep any outdoor buildings (including attached and detached garages) secure with a strong hasp and padlock. Any property kept inside these structures should be inventoried with make, model and serial #s documented. Try chaining together lawn equipment with a chain or cable and secure them with a padlock. This will make it difficult for the burglar to remove any one item if they are chained together. Ladders should be kept in a secured place, and not stored on the outside area of a home.

Alarms

It is always beneficial to have an alarm system for your home. These systems can be suited to fit your personal and family needs, and can also provide coverage to outdoor buildings and garages. There are several reputable alarm companies in the Charlotte area, so we recommend getting quotes from two or three companies before making a decision. Make sure that an alarm horn is installed on the outside

of the home, so as to notify your neighbors and possibly a passing CMPD Officer when the alarm is sounding. Your alarm must also be registered with CMPD to avoid being fined in the event of false alarms. Go to www.cmpd.org, click on A to Z Services, then click on Alarm Ordinance and Registration or call 704-432-0431.

Exterior Doors and Deadbolts

All exterior doors should be solid steel or solid wood. Hollow core doors, if used, should be for interior doors only. Any deadbolts that are situated within 40 inches of a window should be double cylinder (deadbolt that takes a key on both sides). Deadbolt throws should also be a minimum of 1 inch and strike plates should be secured with 3 inch screws or longer.

Windows and Sliding Glass Doors

All ground floor and top floor windows should be kept closed and locked when not in use. Newer model windows now come with ventilation latches, which is an extra security feature designed to allow the window to be opened a few inches without having the ability to raise it any higher. Window bolts can also be installed for extra security. Window bolts secure the top and bottom window frames together and can be found at local hardware stores. Sliding glass doors should be secured with a locking bar designed specifically for these types of doors or by putting a broom stick or other obstacle in the track. Sliding glass doors can also be lifted out of the frame. To avoid this, insert a few screws (spaced about ten inches apart) into the track allowing just enough clearance for the door to slide open, but don't put the screws flush into the track. If someone attempts to lift the door out of the frame, it will lift into the screws, thus not allowing it to happen.

Property Inventory / Light Timers / Engraving

As mentioned above, all applicable property should be listed on an inventory sheet with make, model and serial #s documented. This along with photos of expensive valuables (jewelry, silverware etc) should be kept in a safe place and readily accessible (safety deposit box, fire safe). It is a good idea to engrave your driver license # on the back of electronic items. This will assist in property identification and seizure should it be recovered from criminals or from pawn shops. Interior lights should be set on timers to come on during different times during the day and evening hours. This shows that someone may be home even when the house is unoccupied.



Firearm By Felon



The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has launched a program intended to target felons carrying firearms in our community. The program will urge members of the community to call a dedicated phone line and forward anonymous information with the identity and whereabouts of a felon in the possession of a firearm. The anonymous caller will be eligible for a \$500.00 reward if an arrest is made as a result of their anonymous tip. Additionally, anyone in the public who forwards information leading to the arrest of a person illegally carrying a firearm may be eligible for a cash reward.

During this campaign the community is asked to call our firearm tip line at 704.336.6000 to speak with a dispatcher. They will need to give the name and or detailed description of the suspect, and where the person is at the time of the call.

When the citizen calls to report a felon is in possession of a firearm, the following information should be obtained:

- **Location**

Where is the felon located at this time? Where do the police need to respond to locate the felon?

- **Event Type and Subtype**

The event type for the call is WP FWF- Weapon Felon with Firearm. The subtype should be Just Occurred. This combination will enter the call as a priority 2 event.

- **Felon's name**

What is the felon's name and how does the caller know they are a felon?

- **Description**

Ask the caller for a complete description of the felon including clothing.

Direction of Travel

If the felon is on foot, what direction are they walking toward or from?

Special Note - If the felon is in a moving car, enter a BOLO message with description of both the felon and vehicle including the direction of travel. Do not enter a call for service. Advise the caller that a broadcast has been entered but because the felon is in a moving vehicle a call for service will not be entered.

- **Weapon Information**

What type weapon and a description of the weapon? What is the location of the weapon? If the felon is carrying the weapon, does the caller know where, on the person, the weapon is?

- **Contact Information**

If the caller will leave call back information, enter the information into the call. If the caller refuses to give call back information, DO NOT enter any call back information in the call. ANI information should not be entered if the caller refused.

Case Numbers

The caller will receive a monetary reward for their call if the felon was actually located and arrested with the weapon. To determine the outcome of their call and collect the reward, the caller will need to contact Crime Prevention. They can contact Crime Prevention after the next two business days. To track the call that was entered for this caller, a specific set of numbers called Case Numbers must be assigned to the event and given to the caller.

Dispatching the Event

The call will enter the queue as a priority 2 and should be dispatched accordingly. Priority 2 events are dispatched as priority 1 events by dispatchers and responded to as priority 3 events by officers. DO NOT give caller information to the officer if the caller did not agree to provide the information. **Callers will not be required to leave their name, number, or address.** Detective Marty Cuthbertson with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crime Stoppers will follow up on the dispositions of these anonymous calls and will arrange a time and date to pay out reward money to the caller when applicable. As always, anyone requiring an emergency response from police is asked to immediately call 9-11.

Crime Prevention Tips

Crime can happen any day to any one regardless of where they live, what they do for a living, or who they are. Although people live under the threat of crime every day, there are steps that one can take to help prevent them from being as easy target. Being aware and prepared can help many avoid the various dangers presented by criminals seeking easy targets. The following crime prevention tips can help individuals and families take control of their lives and households to help make them less of a target for criminal activity.

Home Security and Safety

- Follow strict security procedures in the home, such as locking all doors and windows when leaving, even if it's just for a short time.
- Learn to recognize who belongs in the neighborhood. Report suspicious activity to the police.
- Provide visibility around the house by leaving lights on after dark or having motion detector lights around the property. This ensures that there are no dark areas around the house in which a person could hide.
- Always lock doors even if someone is home. Unlocked doors are the easiest way for a criminal to enter a household.
- Never let anyone know that there is one person alone in a house at any time. Do not tell people at the door this information. Also, do not post this information on social networking sites.

Vehicle Security

- Try to park in well lit, open areas, and in view of security camera. The more populated and secure the area, the less likely a robbery will occur.
- Never leave valuable items out in the open in a vehicle. Either remove them from the car or place inside the glove box or under seats where others cannot see them.
- While driving, keep doors and windows locked to prevent a carjacking. Also, always lock car doors when leaving a vehicle.
- When walking back to a parked car, look underneath vehicle and in back seat after entering a car to make sure no one is under or in the car.
- Do not leave helmet or riding equipment with a motorcycle after parking it.
- Cover a motorcycle when unattended. Many thieves look to steal certain models and will be unwilling to risk setting off an alarm when lifting the cover.
- Chain and lock bicycles to a secure unmovable item when leaving it unattended

