



Third District Updates

A monthly newsletter brought to you by New Orleans Police Department's Third District

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From Superintendent Shaun Ferguson...

This summer, the City of New Orleans is experiencing an uptick in violent crime. The causes run the gamut of reasons, from domestic violence and narcotics to road rage and neighborhood beefs – there's no one catalyst causing the spike of violent crime. However, despite the challenges of pinpointing reasons, the New Orleans Police Department remains committed to addressing the problem and reducing the number of violent crimes in our city. As always, we can use your help. If you have information about a shooting, homicide or any other crime, please call Crimestoppers at 822-1111 or the NOPD Homicide Division at 658-5300.

A rise in violent crime is one of many stresses we're dealing with this year. We're also feeling the enormous strain, either physically or mentally or both, of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our reality is so different now because we're in a crisis with no foreseeable end. We are also feeling the pressure of nationwide civil unrest around social injustice and systemic racism, and we are in Hurricane Season; this is a lot to deal with every day, it can be incredibly stressful. If you are feeling overwhelmed by stress, I encourage you to please talk with someone. Reach out to family or friends, and chances are they may be feeling the same as you. Let's rely on each other. We're going to make it through this current climate together. Take care of yourselves – and each other.

Statistics...

Year to Date Comparison (2019 to 2020)

- Crime Overall down by 16%
- Auto Burglaries down by 180 incidents
- Auto Thefts down by 13 incidents
- Armed Robberies up by 15 incidents
- Simple Robberies up by 3 incidents

Four Week Comparison (2019 to 2020)

- Crime Overall down by 38%
- Auto Burglaries down by 60 incidents
- Auto Thefts down by 15 incidents
- Armed Robberies even
- Simple Robberies down by 50%

Clearances Year to Date

- 52% Persons Crimes
- 27% Property Crimes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

The Juvenile Justice Intervention Center has appointed Re-Entry Specialists to work with juveniles one-on-one starting with their first arrest. They will perform home and school visits to provide accountability, as well as providing family intervention as needed. The program requires the juveniles to attend school, obey curfew, and be involved in community engagement activities.

Additionally, as schools re-open we must be cognizant of school zones and carpool lines. Please do not block business entrances/exits; median crossovers, or resident driveways while waiting in carpool lines.

SCHOOL RESOURCE UPDATE

The School Resource Officers (SRO's) have participated in school events such as, speaking about gun violence to students of Youth Educating and Advocating for Voting (YEAV); participated in group discussion on "Humanizing the Badge"; and participated in a virtual event hosted by Voices of New Orleans. This week, our SRO's met with numerous teachers as they returned to area schools and attended several "meet and greet" orientations with students.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday, August 7, 2020, members from Recruit Class #189 were welcomed to the New Orleans Police Department. These twenty-one new police officers will now undergo 16 weeks of Field Training with a veteran officer.



IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Please let Community Liaison Officer Donna Hogan know if your community is holding any meetings. Also, please contact Officer Hogan with any thoughts, concerns and/or questions you may have. Officer Hogan can be reached at 658-6030 or at dhogan@nola.gov.