

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
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Subject: Second QUARTER District Three PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: CPOP Case Case #: SARA 0600057 District: 3
Neighborhood: West Price Hill

Coordinating Personnel: Sergeant Joe Richardson, Badge; S43

Description of Problem: Prostitution and Drug Sales

Phase of SARA: Response

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): 1 - What precisely is the problem?

Prostitution and Drug Sales in Lower Price Hill.

2 - Who is this a problem for?

Due to the small geographical boundaries in Lower Price Hill, this is a problem for every law abiding member of the community and those who wish to visit the community.

3 - Where is it a problem?

District Three, Lower Price Hill, 654 Neave Street.

4 - How long has it been a problem?

The issue of drug sales and prostitution has been a problem in the Lower Price Hill community for generations; however, there has been a strong increase over the last three to five years. Additionally, it appears the problem has increased even more over the last six months.

Analysis (identify factual support): 1 - What is the time frame being analyzed?

Although the issues have been a problem for generations and a gradual increase occurred over the last three to five years, the analysis is being conducted for the last six months (January - June, 2006). This will allow us to concentrate our efforts and to gradually reduce the problem then look for long term solutions.

2 - What information is being analyzed?

A variety of elements were analyzed; however, the primary attention was placed on calls for service associated with prostitution and drug sales. The analysis will be for the period of January - June, 2006. A comparison analysis of 2005 and 2006 has also been conducted. Using the statistics of the first six months of each year, there has been an increase of 30% in solicitation cases for the neighborhood.

3 - What conditions contribute to the problem?

There are several conditions that contribute to the problem. Lower Price Hill is a poverty stricken community. However, with that said, it is also a close knit community with alot of tradition and, for the most part, a strong work ethic. In addition to the poverty level, the neighborhood is very small in size and tightly contained as far as ingress and egress. This allows prstitutes and drug dealers to conduct business with little chance of being caught as any approach by the police or an unfamiliar face (outsider) is immediately noticed and quickly broadcast via cell phone (text or oral) to the violators.

Additionally, during recent years the neighborhood has been negatively affected by plight. There are numerous vacant properties that are not being properly maintained by the property owners. The lack of property maintenance has allowed those who wish to sell drugs or participate in prostitution easy access. Because the property is not properly maintained, there has been a recent increase in filth and debris.

Response (define action taken): 1 - Who is/was available to assist in the CPOP/problem solving effort?

In addition to District Three resources, Specialist Kelly Raker of Central Vice Control Section (CVCS) was notified of the absentee landlord issues. In addition to Specialist Raker, other members of CVCS and members of the District Three Violent Crime Squad (VCS) will be an asset in trying to reduce the outward solicitation the drug sales. The Partnering Center has been a stong resource to this point. The Lower Price Hill community council is very active and a solid resource. The city's Health Department, Buildings and Inspections and Fire Department will all be an asset in controlling the problems.

2 - What are your goals or what are you hoping to accomplish with your response?

Our short term goals are to bring absentee landlords into compliance with building codes and to hold residents of their properties accountable for the cleanliness of their apartment building, etc. We would also like to have an impact, through use of community representatives, residence, business owners, the partnering center and the police, on the visible activitie that are so detrimental to the community. It is our intention to work with the community in an effort to again make Lower Price Hill a community where children and adults can be outdoors without the fear.

3 - What precisely is your response or responses?

4 - What were the dates each element of the response was implemented?

Assessment (document measurement): 1 - What are the results of your assessment?

Police Participation

Specific Feedback:

City Department Participation

Specific Feedback

- Buildings and Inspections
- Community Development & Planning
- Fire Department
- Health
- Metropolitan Sewer District
- Parks

Public Services

Recreation

Transportation & Engineering

Water Works