

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Captain Andrew G. Raabe, District Three Commander
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Subject: Third QUARTER District Three PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: CPOP Case Case #: SAR0600054 District: 3 Neighborhood:
Millvale

Coordinating Personnel: Officer Kelvin Lynn

Description of Problem: Litter within the 2200 Block of Millvale Court. There is a blue vending truck that sets up in the 2200 block of Millvale Ct. that people frequent as a mobile store. The residents of the Community are buying items such as potato chips, soda and candy bars from the truck and throwing wrappers cans and bags on the ground causing litter to build up throughout the block on an every day basis.

Phase of SARA: Assessment

SARA Documentation

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

This constant build up of litter takes away the value and a sense of ownership of the entire neighborhood. Residents feel that this encourages loitering, and drug dealing, and other criminal activity to come into the neighborhood. It also discourages other solid citizens to either visit or move into the neighborhood.

2) Who is the Problem for?

The Complaint was received by the Beat Officer assigned to Millvale while attending Community Meetings for Millvale and from residents in the 2200 block of Millvale Ct.

3) Where is the Problem?

District Three, Community of Millvale in the 2200 block of Millvale Ct.

4) How long has it been a problem?

This problem has existed for the past two years.

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

For this Problem we are mainly looking at this Spring and Summer, April through May and the rest of the 2006 Summer season.

2) What information is being analyzed?

Complaints of Littering from residents along with observations from beat officers working the Millvale area for the past year and this spring and summer seasons. Information from the Management (CMHA) Housing authority who manage the Millvale Housing Complex.

3) What Conditions contribute to the problem?

The large amount of youth that live in the area, along with a small basketball court and the Millvale school that is close to the area. This increases the amount of youth in the area who are customers of the vending truck and then throw the garbage down on the ground.

Response (define action taken): 1) Who was available to assist in the CPOP/Problem Solving?

District Three Officers assigned to the Millvale Community along with Officers working Police Visiblity Overtime Patrols in the Millvale area. Community Members were encouraged to call in radio runs when large crowds are gathering and littering the area. The City Litter Control Officer was also advised of the problem as well as the Management of the CMHA Housing Authority.

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

It is our intention through cooperation with Police, CMHA Housing Authority personnel, Community Residents, and Litter Control to hopfully bring about voluntary compliance with the youth, and the vender to stop the littering in the area and have the 2200 block of Millvale cleaned up where the residents can once again feel proud of their neighborhood.

3) What Precisely is your response or responses?

The initial response was to identify the owner of the vending truck and check the Vender for a Vender license to see if he was allowed to legally be selling his products in the area. We hope to get voluntary aid from the vender as well. We also used Directed Patrols and Police Visiblity Overtime Patrols to increase Police presence in the area to discourage littering and to warn and cite violaters for littering violations when observed. We also wished to organize Community Members for Litter Walks in which Community Members walk the area to pick up litter. We also plan to have CMHA Housing Authority to pass out information phamplets to encourage parents to warn their childern about the littering problem. In September we plan to try to get with the Millvale School Principle to relay the message to childern at the school who travel through the 2200 block of Millvale Ct before and after school or who frequent the vending truck. We also plan to have City Sanatation pass through this block with a Street Sweeper to help keep this problem area cleaned up.

4) What are the dates that each element of the response was implimented.

The Vender was checked for a vending license in June and found to have a valid vending license. The Directed Patrols and Police Visiblity Patrols have been in the area since June as well.Enforcement efforts have taken place as well as varbal warnings by Police and Liter Control. At this time the other responses are still being implimented and monitored.

Assessment (document measurement):

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