

# City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental  
Correspondence Sheet

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

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Category: CPOP Case Case #: SARA 0600058 District: 3  
Neighborhood: North Fairmount

Coordinating Personnel: Sergeant Dan Carder

Description of Problem: Loitering, Street Fights and Drug Activity

Phase of SARA: Assessment

## **SARA Documentation**

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

In the 1600 block of Denham Street, there is frequent loitering, fighting and drug activity. Additionally, there is a large recreation type vehicle parked on Denham Street that surveillance confirmed from which the occupants/owners were selling snacks and drinks during late evening hours.

2 - Who is it a problem for?

The complaint was received by the neighborhood officer while attending a North Fairmount Community Meeting. Community Council members were informed by residents of the 1600 block of Denham Street.

3 - Where is the problem?

District Three, North Fairmount, 1600 block of Denham Street.

4 - How long has it been a problem?

The problem has existed for years; however, on a much smaller scale. The problems of loitering, fighting and perceived drug sales have increased over the months of March and April, 2006.

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

Statistical data for January - July, 2006 has been analyzed.

2 - What information is being analyzed?

Calls for service to the 1600 block of Denham Street have been analyzed. Although the reporting community members have indicated there has been an increase in activity through the months of March and April, 2006, the calls for service records do not support this.

This is not to say the activity has not increased, it simply indicates the calls for service have not increased. This may very well be because some of those who live on this block of Denham Street are not aware of the activity, possibly due to the hours of occurrence.

3 - What conditions contribute to the problem?

Through the scanning phase it was concluded several conditions are contributing to the problem. Inspection and surveillance of the location revealed there are several overtime parkers that are generating a negative image of the area. There is also a basketball hoop and a restaurant trailer (Chuck's Rib Wagon) set up at the curb of a vacant lot at 1631 Denham Street. There are also several vehicles parked in the immediate vicinity that are registered to persons not residing in the community.

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

District Three officers were assigned directed patrols. Referrals were made to the Park Police Unit (there is a nearby park used by children) and Central Vice Control Section for possible drug sales from and around various illegally parked automobiles. Referrals were also made to the Cincinnati Public Works for debris clogging storm drains and the Cincinnati Health Department Litter Patrol regarding excessive trash in the street.

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

It is our intention, through cooperation with the Health Department, Park Police, Vice Section and community input and visibility, to ensure those who choose to conduct criminal business in the 1600 block of Denham Street are made aware that the conduct is not wanted by community residents and will be proactively reported and responded to by police.

3 - What precisely is your response or responses?

The initial response is to identify the owner/operator of the restaurant trailer and determine if they have the appropriate permits to operate the business. Additionally, through cooperation with community members, we will attempt to identify the owner of the basketball hoop to have it voluntarily removed. Following one day of visible foot and bike patrols, the basketball hoop was quietly and voluntarily removed.

We will also have members of the Vice Unit and District Three Violent Crimes Squad conduct surveillance in the immediate area to determine if there is drug trafficking occurring. If so, we will conduct proactive investigations in an attempt to identify and arrest the violators. District Three personnel conducted directed patrols and issued six parking citations, recovered one stolen vehicle and effected two physical arrests on outstanding warrants.

Vehicles parked in the 1600 block of Denham Street in excess of 14 hours were marked as overtime parkers. The ribwagon was also marked with an overtime parking sticker. Each vehicle parked illegally was voluntarily removed by the owners. We were initially unable to identify/locate the owner of the ribwagon. However, it was removed, presumably by the owner, from the neighborhood one day after the overtime sticker was placed.

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

Each phase of the response was initiated within one week of the complaint being received. Specific proactive enforcement was initiated in the second week of May.

5 - Are you selecting solutions that will remain after the police no longer focus resources on the problem?

The cooperation of the North Fairmount Community Council is critical in the long term success of the police efforts. They and residents of Denham Street are aware and willing to monitor the block to ensure the police are immediately notified of similar activities.

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

A review of calls for service was conducted for the period of July - August, 2006. There is a slight but noticeable drop in the calls for service. North Fairmount beat officers attending recent community meetings have been informed the problems have subsided and it is much more peaceful in the area of 1600 Denham Street.

**Police Participation**

Specific Feedback:

<b>City Department Participation</b>	<b>Specific Feedback</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings and Inspections	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development & Planning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health	None to date
<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Sewer District	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services	None to date
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Engineering	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Works	