

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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

Category: CPOP Case Case #: SARA 0600031 District: 3
Neighborhood: West Price Hill

Coordinating Personnel: Sergeant Brian Coates, Badge; S564

Description of Problem: Drug Sales

Phase of SARA: Assessment

SARA Documentation

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

Heavy Drug Sales

2 - Who is this a problem for?

Residents of Palos Street and Rosemont Avenue.

3 - Where is it a problem?

District Three, West Price Hill, 4018 Palos Street, 569 and 571 Rosemont Avenue.

4 - How long has it been a problem?

The original complaint was for the 4000 block of Palos Street and this has been a problem for approximately one year. However, the problem has expanded to 569 and 571 Rosemeont Avenue which has been a problem for approximately six months (January - June, 2006).

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

A comparison analysis of the 4000 block of Palos Street was conducted for 2005 and 2006. An additional analysis was conducted incorporating the 500 block of Rosemont Avenue as well.

2 - What information is being analyzed?

A variety of elements were analyzed; however, the primary attention was placed on calls for service associated with drug sales on and around the 4000 block of Palos Street and 500 block of Rosemont Avenue. A comparison analysis of 2005 and 2006 will also be completed.

3 - What conditions contribute to the problem?

The 4000 block of Palos is a pleasant and working class neighborhood with the exception of the residents of 4018 Palos. The 500 block of Rosemont is very similar to that of Palos with the exception of 569 and 571 Rosemont Avenue. There are no physical conditions as far as the community that contribute to the drug complaints. These activities are clearly behavior management issues. They may as well be place management issues; however, to this point it is not clear if the property is rental or occupant owned.

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

Several residents of Palos have initiated a neighborhood watch team and are providing information to the police to assist with coming to a resolution. The District Three Violent Crime Squad (VCS) is available to assist as are the Central Vice Control Squad (CVCS) and Vortex Squad. There are no other city departments that will be needed to assist at this time. District Three Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) is also being allocated to give the neighborhood additional attention. PVO is patrolled with foot, bike and vehicular. Price Hill Citizen's on Patrol is an additional resource we will have available.

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

Our short term goal is to have an impact through use of police resources; CVCS, District Three Violent Crime Squad (VCS), District Three Police Visibility Overtime (PVO), bike, foot and vehicular patrols and traditional proactive enforcement. The initial impact is to confirm the alleged activity, identify the violators (sellers and buyers) then through investigative means make arrests.

Our long term goal is to work with community representatives, residents, and the Price Hill Citizen's on Patrol on continuing to monitor the activities and when necessary take additional proactive enforcement. This will be in addition to using the neighborhood (beat) officer to follow-up with our efforts and to continue to build a relationship with members of the community to instill trust that will foster information sharing. This information sharing will allow the officers to be proactive and address community issues before they get to the level we are experiencing.

3 - What precisely is your response or responses?

As mentioned in the previous questions, we are attempting to reach short and long term goals. Our response will be primarily through traditional proactive enforcement action; however, we will also coordinate and work with the neighborhood watch group and the Citizen's on Patrol.

Exact measures are to confirm the activity, identify involved parties (buyers and sellers) then through investigative steps make physical arrests.

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

As the Palos and Rosemont Avenues are within the boundaries of a very active beat, we will always focus resources to the vicinity. However, in addition we are selecting non-police solutions that will remain after the police no longer focus "additional" resources. As stated earlier, several members of the neighborhood have started a neighborhood team and will continue to monitor the area for law violations. Additionally, the Price Hill Citizen's on Patrol will continue to monitor the neighborhood and report concerns to the beat officer and supervisor.

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