

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Captain Richard J. Schmalz, District Four Commander
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Subject: Third QUARTER 2006 PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: CPOP Case Case #: n/a District: 4 Neighborhood: Carthage

Coordinating Personnel: Police Officer LaDon R. Laney

Description of Problem: Disturbance

Phase of SARA: Response

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): Citizens and officers report numerous incidents of disorder in and around 6800 Vine Street. Numerous city code violations have been recorded at nearby addresses. Police calls for service indicated a "Hot Spot" for reported crime and disorder. Incidents of suspected prostitution, drug sales, loud music, obstruction of sidewalks and citizens reported fear of walking, driving, or biking in the area. Local businesses also reported disruptive activity which caused great harm from vandalism fear.

Analysis (identify factual support): In addition to calls for service, citizens had long noted these recurring problems in this vicinity. Citizens kept detailed written records on suspected crime and disorder, which they shared with police; City records from Buildings and Inspections and other departments were utilized to identify the scope of blight and other problems in the area. Group observations at various hours also helped further understand the specifics of the problem activity. Citizens have reported that there is a fear to frequent this area due to crime and disorder. A lack of positive citizens activity made criminal activity easier for would-be-predators. Stakeholders also reported intimidation by those who either engaged or enabled this activity. Many long-time residents of Carthage have moved from the neighborhood, citing fatigue from dealing with crime and disorder.

Response (define action taken): Stakeholders seek to improve safety and business climate in the neighborhood, as well as increasing the sense of "Community Ownership" in public spaces. The CPOP team, stakeholders, and police are working to remove prostitution from the area, reduce loitering, and drug dealing and loud music. The partners are also intending to reduce fear and intimidation of law-abiding citizens, and make this area safe and livable for those who wish to walk, work, worship, shop, and visit the area. The community wants to establish ownership and guardianship at this location, and communicate clear intolerance of crime and disorder.

Carthage stakeholders identified this area as a SARA problem location, met with local residents and business owners to educate them about the problem and gain support. The CPOP team and community then chose one of several response options, which was a "community sit out." The CPD has supported this effort by providing a law-enforcement presence at each event, and sharing information with and receiving feedback from the community.

Assessment (document measurement):

Police Participation

Form 17 Quarterly Problem Solving Report

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