

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

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To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Captain Thomas A. Johns, District Five Commander
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Subject: Third QUARTER District Five PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: Program / Project Case #: SAR0600001 District: 5 Neighborhood: CUF Community and Clifton Heights

Coordinating Personnel: Police Officer Tammy Hussels

Description of Problem: Robberies in the Clifton Heights Community

Phase of SARA: Assessment

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): Several robberies have taken place in the Clifton Heights Community west of Vine Street to Ravine and between Calhoun Street and Klotter Street. Approximately 10-15 robberies occur in the area each month. Suspects are young black males ranging in age from 14 to 25 years old and are using weapons to commit the robberies. The robberies are occurring between the hours of dusk and 0400 hours.

Analysis (identify factual support): Statistics from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, generated in the Clifton Heights Community area showed 83 Aggravated Robberies/Robberies. This area includes west of Vine Street to Ravine Street and between Calhoun Street and Klotter Street. There were more robberies committed on Wednesday's (21), followed by Saturday's (14), Thursday's (12), Sunday's (12), Monday's (11), Tuesday's (7), and Friday's (6). Most of the robberies occurred during the evening and early morning hours, from 2000-0500, totaling 56. There were 27 daytime robberies occurring between 0500-2000 hours. Of the 83 robberies, there were 59 incidents where a handgun, shotgun, or knife was used in the offenses. The Cincinnati Police Department had made 5 robbery arrests during this time frame. All these complaints were generated by the victims and witnesses to these crimes.

Response (define action taken): Beat officers have become more visible and patrol the targeted area with more intensity. Paid Visibility Overtime is being conducted in the area during the hours of the offenses. Property owners have installed additional lighting and surveillance cameras to deter criminal activity. The problems have been discussed at community and business association meetings to make the community more aware when out at night. We have partnered with U.C. Police and they have extended their patrols into the effected areas to help deter criminal activity. A Safety Committee has been formed by U.C that includes a Student Disturbance Committee. The committee emails the students about criminal activity and safety tips.

A Safe and Clean Grant was used by the Clifton Heights Improvement Association (CHIA) to purchase and install lights throughout the residential area of Clifton Heights to illuminate properties and streets. So far 63 lights have been installed on houses in the area.

In September, 2005, the Clifton Heights Improvement Association (CHIA) and WLWTV started a project to install two 20-foot light poles on Warner Avenue. WLWT Channel Five would be willing to provide the cost of mounting and installation of the two light poles. These lights would greatly benefit this area of Warner Street that is currently unlit. Several crimes have occurred in this area due to insufficient lighting. A request was made to the City of Cincinnati to have the lights connected to the city's electric pole already in place 15 feet away on the opposite side of Warner Street. The City of Cincinnati would then maintain the lights as they do all street lights. As of October, the lights have not been installed.

On average there are 2 to 5 lights per month going up on the houses in the neighborhood. The CHIA group is still active about getting these lights up. The police made a significant arrest of an aggravated robbery subject, and since then robberies have nearly stopped. We will be investigating further into these robberies to see if the arrested committed other robberies in our area. Crime prevention flyers went out on December 10, 2005; we will be tracking the crime to see if these flyers helped reduce the amount of crime in the area.

Assessment (document measurement): With the implementation of house lights by the group CHIA, we were able to light up the surrounding area of Clifton Heights and reduce the amount of Robberies occurring. CHIA organized a plan that also implemented lights, where the city put up lights at Chickasaw and Warner on WLWT's property showing joint involvement. The goal was to reduce the amount of robberies in the area, and we have shown a significant reduction over the last year.

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Police Participation Bureau

Specific Feedback:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department		<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation & Engineering	
<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Sewer District		<input type="checkbox"/> Water Works	

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