

# City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental  
Correspondence Sheet

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Subject: Third QUARTER District Five PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

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Category: Program / Project Case #: SAR0600002 District: 5 Neighborhood: College Hill

Coordinating Personnel: Police Officer Herbert Noble

Description of Problem: Assaults occurring at Aiken High School

Phase of SARA: Assessment

## **SARA Documentation**

**Scanning (state problem):** There have been physical altercations on and off Aiken High School property after school hours. Students are using cell phones to text and recruit non Aiken High School students for support of after school physical altercations. Some of these altercations take place at the entrance of Aiken High School at 5641 Belmont Ave. There have been many College Hill property owners that report that the altercations are occurring on their private properties.

**Analysis (identify factual support):** Statistics were gathered from January 2004 through December 2004 and January 2005 through December 2005. In 2004 there were 148 calls for service generated at Aiken High School (19 disorderly conduct, 3 assaults, 5 fights where the victim was injured, 2 drug complaints, 17 investigations, 22 prisoner runs, 10 directed patrols, and 26 alarm drops. From January 2005 through November of 2005 Aiken High School had 191 calls for service (21 disorderly conduct, 16 assaults, 16 fights where the victim was injured, 1 drug complaint, 31 investigations, 20 prisoner runs, 14 directed patrols, 14 alarm drops and several other miscellaneous calls for service. The total number of calls for service from January 2004 through December of 2005 was 339. During that same time period 219 arrests were made.

- a. 2005 arrests were as follows: disorderly conduct-fighting or threat 55 arrests, assault victims harmed 21 arrests, drug arrests 12, criminal trespass 07 arrests, dangerous weapons on school property 07 arrests, aggravated menacing 03 arrests and several other miscellaneous arrests
- b. 2004 arrests were as follows: disorderly conduct-fighting or threat 49 arrests, assault victims harmed 15 arrests, drug arrests 10, criminal trespass 03 arrests, dangerous weapons on school property 06 arrests, aggravated menacing 06 arrests and several other miscellaneous arrests.
- c. Suspects arrested: Male and female youths between 14-19 years of age. 55% of all arrests were males and 45% were females.
- d. Almost all suspects arrested were students from Aiken High School and do not live in the College Hill community.

Several property owners and businesses have expressed concerns when the youth are in such large uncontrolled masses.

**Response (define action taken):**

1. A policy has been implemented as of August 23, 2005 prohibiting the possession and or use of personal cell phones by students during school hours. This is a no tolerance policy of cell phones on the property of Aiken High School.
2. As of May 6, 2006 CPOP Teams and committees have been formed consisting of parents, teachers, principles, police, and community leaders. This group has implemented a dress uniform policy for students to help identify Aiken students from non Aiken students. This uniform policy is as follows. Traditional students wear black shirts with tan pants. University students wear blue shirts with tan pants. Career students wear red shirts with tan pants.
3. Regular updates have been provided from the school resource officer regarding the internal activity of students causing problems such as fights drugs and disorder at Aiken High school. The school resource officer with the help of beat officers has occasionally rerouted traffic using two key streets during potential violent situations. This rerouting of traffic has been very effective in eliminating potential disorder.
4. Routine police patrol during the problem hours of 1345 – 1400 hours has been implemented to prevent violent situations during school dismissal. This has been implemented on an as needed basis. The school resource officer monitors this and calls for beat officers as needed.
5. Citizens on Patrol Units have been utilized to provide extra eyes and ears at this location. The unit monitors the area of Belmont Ave. to Davey Ave. to Hamilton Ave.
6. The Aiken High School Security Team has also communicated information to police and is working inside of the school to maintain order. This group has been working closely with the CPOP officers and the school resource officer to eliminate potential dangerous situations inside of the school. This unit also uses a video camera every day after school to identify problem situations.

**Assessment (document measurement):** Calls for service in 2006 were 183 compared to 191 in 2005 which was down slightly. Arrests in 2006 were 129 compared to 105 in 2005 which was up roughly 20%. Drug arrests in 2006 were 4 compared to 12 in 2005. Gun and weapon arrests on school property were 4 in 2006 compared to 7 in 2005. Calls for service were slightly reduced as well as drug arrests and weapons/guns on school property arrests which may indicate that students are less inclined to bring drugs and weapons on to school property. However, disorderly conduct/fights and assault arrests have increased indicating that violence may not have been reduced. In 2005 disorderly conduct/fight arrests were 55. In 2006 they increased to 72. Assaults in 2006 were up to 36 from 21 in 2005.

The CPOP group meets two times per month. The response plan will be monitored by this group as they give feed back from the community as well evaluate the crime data from the police department.

**Police Participation  
Bureau**

**Specific Feedback:**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development & Planning		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	
<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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