

# 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 CPOP PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

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Category: CPOP Case Case #: CPOP600011 District: 5 Neighborhood: Northside

Coordinating Personnel: P.O. Katrina Neal

Description of Problem: Abandoned buildings and drug/disorder complaints.

Phase of SARA: Response

## **SARA Documentation**

**Scanning (state problem):** Groups of individuals congregate along Witler, Hanfield and Lakeman Street near numerous vacant and/or abandon houses. These individuals appear responsible for the majority of the crime and disorder on the street. Reports of drug dealing, drug usage, and gunfire are frequent. These conditions create the appearance of neighborhood decline and have instilled fear among those living there.

**Analysis (identify factual support):** Calls for service, citizen complaints, crime analysis data, incident reports, and personal observation appear to substantiate this perception. We collected the crime statistics for Wilter Street, Hanfield Avenue, and Blue Rock Rd. In 2005, there were 421 service calls including 38 radio runs for disorderly conduct, 7 runs for weapons, and 58 drug runs. From January through July of 2006, there have been 226 calls for service including 18 radio runs for disorderly conduct, 4 weapons runs, 10 noise complaints, and 49 drug runs.

Many community complaints have been generated from the Northside Council Meetings, citizens, local businessses and churches.

**Response (define action taken):** A CPOP team has been formed to address the problem. A survey was submitted to the residents to identify their concerns with the quality of life on their sreet. Other city agencies were enlisted to address specific issues in hopes of eliminating the blight and safety issues associated with the abandoned buildings. The District Five VCS, beat officers, Community Response Team, and Street Corner Unit targeted this area for enforcement. Enforcement efforts included uniform walking patrols, bicycle patrols, and covert operations. In addition, the Northside Citizens of Patrol gave this area attention during their patrols. The CPOP Team has organized a street cleaning and a "meet and greet" in an effort to get more involvement and buy-in from those living on Fergus Street. In addition, the CPOP Team has drafted a letter to send to the owners of properties on Witler, Hanfield and Lakeman Street that are either vacant, abandoned, or being used as rental property inviting these owners to actively participate in the problem-solving process. Programs are being used to help educate the landlords about how to choose their tenants and to protect themselves from problem tenants.

There have been several meetings with the building inspector on several occasions. We have worked jointly to have several buildings that were open boarded up and a few have been recommended for demolition.

## **Assessment (document measurement):**

Form 17 Quarterly Problem Solving Report

**Police Participation  
Bureau**

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

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