

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

Date: 11.14.06

To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Sergeant Bryce T. Bezdek, District Three
Copies to:
Subject: Fourth QUARTER District Three PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: Program / Project Case #: none District: 3 Neighborhood:
Westwood

Coordinating Personnel: Sergeant Bryce Bezdek, S424

Description of Problem: Traffic safety - Speeding on Wunder and Fischer in area of St. Catherine School

Phase of SARA: Response

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): District Three has received complaints from crossing guards and school administrators expressing concern over the high rates of speed vehicles are traveling on Fischer and Wuder near St. Catherine during school hours. School buses are part of the problem.

Analysis (identify factual support): An analysis of the street by the police confirmed that there was a problem of speeders. During school hours, some of the vehicular traffic is not reducing its speed to the appropriate levels. This presents a significant risk during the times in which students are walking to and from the school, greatly increasing pedestrian traffic in the area. Additionally, Laura Meibers, the principal of the school, recounted an incident several years ago when a child was struck and killed by a school bus in front of St. Catherine.

Response (define action taken): A request has been submitted through the appropriate channels to have a speed wagon placed in the area for several days to slow traffic down. A call has been placed to the school to request the issue be addressed with the bus drivers and remind them the reduced speed limits within school zones apply to buses as well. Furthermore, a directed patrol is being established in the area to target speeders through radar enforcement.

Assessment (document measurement):

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