

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

Date: 12/11/2006

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

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

Coordinating Personnel: 100th Recruit Class and Officer Katrina Neal

Description of Problem: Theft from Autos

Phase of SARA: Assessment

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): There have been multiple thefts from vehicles in the area of Northside both on the east and west side of Hamilton Avenue. This has caused a decrease in both property value and quality of life among the citizens, visitors and business associate in this area.

Analysis (identify factual support): Calls for service, citizens complaints, crime analysis data, incident reports and personal observation appear to substantiate this perception. From January 2006 though September 2006 there have been 323 calls for service in this area for theft from vehicles alone. Many community complaints have been generated from the Northside Council Meetings, citizens and local businesses.

Response (define action taken): During the week of September 11, 2006, Police Officer Katrina Neal and the 100th recruit class spent two days walking door to door and business to business passing out informational flyers. The flyers gave information regarding the recent increase in theft from autos and also safety tips to prevent becoming victim to these types of crimes.

Assessment (document measurement): Officer Neal responded to the business district on Hamilton Avenue between Blue Rock Road and Chase Avenue to interview business owners and workers. She had each complete a short survey to gather information on how effective the recruit's project had been and how the community felt about the project. The survey was done approximately two weeks after the flyers were distributed. The survey showed 83.33% felt the information was useful, 33.33% stated they learned something new from the information on the flyers, and 96.67% felt the information had a positive response from the community regarding the Cincinnati Police Department. 96.67% of those interviewed stated that they would like to see projects like this done again in the future.

The crime statistics for theft from autos shows a drastic reduction in the number of incidents in this area since the project's initiation. Only 15 thefts from autos have occurred since the flyers were distributed. We will continue to follow up and analyze this information for the next couple of months.

**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

TAJ