

NPU-M Public Safety 2012 News

A Meeting Location 2012 Next Meeting April 5, 2012 (6:30 – 8:00 PM)

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Homicide Canvass

Questions were asked about the murder at Banna Grocery and the subsequent burglary in the same building the following morning.

- The incident has been turned over to Homicide and there is little to go on regarding the shooter. APD has a surveillance tape and the public is being asked to help. A lineup is pending regarding the break-in and robbery of the residence above Banna and store, Sugar Coated Radicals. There are similarities to previous incidents and the two are not believed to be related.
- APD is aware of the concerns about the apartment building across the street.

On Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 4:30 PM, the community and the police participated in the Homicide Unit Tactical Neighborhood Canvass for the homicide that occurred at Banna Grocery.



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Zone 5 Lt Major Chris Leighty (new Zone5 Commander on March 28th – Major Wayne Whitmire)

Crime statistics are down for the year.

- Major assaults are down 21% and there were no pedestrian robberies in the Castleberry Hill area to report.
- Auto theft averages 45.8 larcenies per week and people continue to leave items of value in their cars despite the Clean Car Campaign.
- Problem areas continue to be Broad St., sections of Castleberry Hill, Nelson St. and the Bus Station.
- A prostitution detail is being conducted this evening

Zone 6- Major Kevin Meadows

- Major Meadows, the new Commander for Zone 6...spent 16 years in Homicide and CID.
- Boulevard precinct expected to open the second week in March at the AMC.
- Processing center will be in a visible location within a Bedford Pine building with the intent of providing exposure to crime prevention along the Boulevard corridor. Also plan on adding probation and parole appointments to spotlight APD presence and make efficient use of the location.
- 9 patrolmen are focusing on drug sales, etc. Plain clothes and narcotics working together.
- Boulevard FIT detail staffed approx. 12 noon to 2am; considering a bike patrol.
- Auto thefts occur in the evening hours. YTD out of 119 reported, 56 happened overnight in beats 603 & 604.
- Contact info: kmeadows@atlantaga.gov; cell: (404) 558-5535.
- Point of contact is Lt. Douglas Little (dlittle@atlantaga.gov).

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911 Center Director - Lt. Brenda Ross

Bio

- Lt. Brenda Ross has been with APD since 1991.
- Has served as center interim director and is now Director.
- Contact info: bross@atlantaga.gov
- Brigette Hutchins – assistant
- Initiated 12 hour shifts to save money
- #1 Goal is to make the center the best in the state and the nation
- #2 Goal is to improve customer service and welcomes feedback
- Q & A:
 - **Why does the operator ask so many questions?** The dispatchers have a protocol, i.e. a script; they follow in order to get the necessary information about the call.
 - **Doesn't this waste time?** No, the dispatcher is already initiating an officer to respond to the incident once the severity and priority of the call is determined. Often will continue to gather information that could be useful.
 - **What is a "hot call"?** This refers to a crime in progress, i.e. robbery, assault, shooting, burglary, etc.
 - **What are the key things to tell the dispatcher?** Where, what, when and who. However, it is best to let the dispatcher lead the call according to their protocol.
 - **Why is it that sometimes the operator doesn't seem concerned?** Understand they are trained to remain calm and keep you calm. Although they may not sound like they have a sense of urgency they need to convey information to the police officer without emotion.
 - **What is the current level of staffing?** It is at 90% or 166 persons. There are 2 supervisors on each shift. Job applications are available on-line.
 - How secure is the new application www.Smart911? The information helps APD respond to calls appropriately where medical issues are concerned or a person lacks mobility. The company has been vetted and the information is deemed to be secure.
 - Are complaints measured? Yes, this is public information and is down 40%.
 - Why don't we have a non-emergency call center, like "311" in other cities? This is under consideration and being looked into by a project team.

Additional discussion items:

- Panhandlers are a problem along Freedom Parkway in the emergency lane.
 - A cleanup is being coordinated with the Dept. of Corrections in the area under the Freedom Parkway Bridge per Major Meadows.
 - Zone 6 is working with Code Enforcement to identify 135 vacant properties and get them registered under the new law.
- A street lighting inventory is in progress with COPS and DPW to identify burnt out lamp posts for bulb replacement.
- Deputy Chief Erica Shields focuses on new technology that can be put to use in the department.
 1. Citizens Police Academy is a good training opportunity for people who want a better understanding of how the department operates.
 2. Invitations are being extended to speak at the next meeting to Major Valerie Dalton of COPS and Lt. CJ Davis of Code Enforcement.

Zone Commander

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