

NPU-M Public Safety 2012 News

A Meeting Location 2012 Next Meeting June 7, 2012 (6:30 – 8:00 PM)

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Zone 5 – Review (Lt David Wilson)

- Crime statistics are down 6% to date; but pedestrian robberies have increased. Courts are releasing felons on bond; contact the community prosecutor.
- Castleberry Hill has experienced a spike in crime, specifically robberies.
- Castleberry has met with Major Whitmire to discuss this issue.
- Castleberry also plans to make codes to parking decks available for APD patrols.
- Downtown was concern about the business at 185 Peachtree Street, the Food Mart. The store has regular visit by known drug dealers and people hanging out, including large number of people going in and coming out with out purchases.
- The landlord has revoked the lease for this business because of the information provided by neighbors and criminals hanging out. The Food Mart has not relocated to 155 Forsyth Street.



Major Wayne Whitmire

Lt David Wilson
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Officer Greg Nelms
Community Officer/Code
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Zone 6 – Review (Major Meadows)

- Sound issues with several businesses and residences were discussed (Mint Gallery, Sound Table and Club Indigo; and Cotton Lofts holding for-profit parties). Sound Table was invited to the meeting by Major Meadows, but did not appear.
- Suggests working with business owners to sign a “good neighbor” clause; not APD driven. Noise violation = to audible beyond 100’ of the source.
- Also, check with AFD’s website regarding maximum capacity limits (see Ordinances below)
D. Hurst explained a proposed meeting procedure with business to resolve the issues:
 - ✓ Face-to-face discussion (D Hurst has reach out to business to attend next meeting)
 - ✓ Have a plan of action
 - ✓ If contacting 911 ask to see the responding officer and get a case number.
 - ✓ Matt G. (FWN) says they tried a meeting; measuring with a decibel meter; contacting the owner repeatedly

Additional comments:

- ❖ 911 caller expressed concern about lack of info passed from the call center to APD.
- ❖ One neighborhood condo solved a problem by having the owner’s association purchase a foreclosed property and is providing the unit to an APD officer for free and/or subsidized rent. They worked through Police Foundation.
- ❖ APD & APS are in conversation to allow children of policemen to go to the school of their choice.
- ❖ Everyone is reminded to email their concerns regarding public safety to Dorthey at npumpublicsafety@gmail.com.

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City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74 - Environment, Article IV. Noise Control.

Sec. 74-131. Definitions.

Nighttime hours means the hours between 9:01 p.m. of any given day, and 7:00 a.m. of the following day.

Noise means any sound of such level and duration as to be or tend to be injurious to human health or welfare, or which would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property throughout the city or in any portions thereof, but excludes all aspects of the employer-employee relationship concerning health and safety hazard within the confines of a place of employment.

Noise disturbance means any sound that endangers the health, safety or welfare of any person, is detrimental to the peaceful enjoyment of private property, or endangers personal or real property.

Plainly audible means any sound produced by a noise source, which can be heard by any person at prescribed distances. Measurement standards shall be the auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernible and low frequency sound reverberations are included.

Sec. 74-136. - Sound level limitations.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this code to exceed the following sound level limitations:

(b) At the discretion of a police officer and as an alternative to making a determination based upon the ambient sound level or absolute sound level, the following standards shall be used for sounds emanating from any noise source located on any residential property, commercial property, or public property:

(2) During nighttime hours, sound emanating from any noise source shall be limited in volume, tone and intensity so that the sound shall not be plainly audible to any person at a distance of 50 or more feet from the real property line of any private property on which the noise source is located, or from any noise source located on any public property or public right-of-way.

Sec. 74-140. - Enforcement procedures.

(a) Violation of any provision of this article shall be cause for a citation to be issued by a police officer or NCO according to procedures set forth in the City Code of Ordinances.

(c) Penalties. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this article shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) A fine not more than \$1,000.00, or a period of confinement in the city jail not to exceed ten days and a probationary period not to exceed 180 days, or both.

(2) In addition to any other penalties provided in this section, the judge may issue an order requiring abatement of any noise source found to be in violation of this article within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 60 days, and according to any guidelines that the city may prescribe.

a. Any person ordered to abate any noise source found to be in violation of any provision of this article shall demonstrate to the city compliance with any order requiring abatement and any further guidelines they city may prescribe.

b. Any person failing to abate any noise source found to be in violation of any provision of this article shall be liable to the city for all costs and expenses incurred by the city in abating a violation.

(3) Each day during which any violation occurs shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense.

Zone Commander

Major Keith Meadows



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Other Numbers to Call

Gangs and Guns Squad:

404-546-4230

Narcotics Enforcement Unit:

404-546-2650

A.P.E.X Unit: 404-546-6922

Special Enforcement Section:

404-546-4244

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