

DISTRICT SEVEN SAFETY MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2009

6:30 PM

Sherman Park Lutheran Church

2703 N. Sherman Blvd.

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Captain Jessup called the meeting to order.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Captain Jessup discussed the redistricting of District Seven into four squad areas. District Seven's new boundaries are N. 32nd Street to the city limits – Center Street to Villard Avenue with a small area in the northeast corner going from N. 32nd Street to Green Bay Road, Glendale to Villard.
- III. **REVIEW OF CRIME IN DISTRICT SEVEN:**
 - BURGLARY:** There has been an increase in the last 7 to 10 days, particularly on the western end of the district. Most burglaries are occurring during the day through an open window in residences. More of the burglaries are of residences than garages. The thieves are looking for flat panel televisions and other electronics. Citizens are key to the arrests because they are calling in with information. One recent Sunday a burglary occurred on the 2800 block of N. 79th street. One of the residents held on to one of the burglars until police arrived and arrested him. Two more subjects were subsequently arrested in addition to that one. The citizen expressed appreciation to the police for responding so quickly. The ADA Megan Carmody reported that they have already been charged in court.
 - ROBBERY:** On the rise—up 2% since the last meeting. Most robberies continue to occur on main thoroughfares. Police are patrolling high crime areas.
 - AUTO THEFT:** Within the last 21 days there have been 1/3 fewer car thefts.
 - THEFTS:** Mostly vehicle stickers, items from cars or yards; shoplifting is also a concern.
 - SHOOTINGS:** (Last two weeks) are up. A homicide occurred around 64th and Fond Du Lac between 11:00 and 11:30PM. The motive was unclear. The victim had just parked his car and was coming out of his garage.
 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS:** (With firearms) increased 10% (Without firearms) have decreased.
 - TRAFFIC/SUBJECT STOPS:** The police continue to make lots of stops for a variety of reasons—speeding, missing plates, inappropriate behavior. Citations are issued whenever appropriate.
- IV. **GUEST SPEAKER-** Deb Curtis—Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office—**Restorative Justice Department** helps victims of crime through the Victim Witness Program. There are two individuals making up a Crisis Response Team. They work seven days a week, making about 1200

follow-up calls to victims and witnesses to crime. They offer counseling and information to people who are emotionally distressed due to the effects of serious crime issues. They are able to give information about court activity and plans. In some cases, they help with funeral expenses

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Alleyway Address Numbers:** Steve O'Connell, one of the Representatives of the Block Watch Program, reminded people about the need for address numbers on houses/garages on alleyways. Block Watches can order packs of numbers through Meineke Ace Hardware to distribute to residents who need them within the block watch. Block Captains can call Steve for further information at 445-7472.

- B. Keeping Our Community Strong:** Neighborhood Block Party at Lancaster School at 68th and Lancaster on Saturday, August 22 from Noon to 6:00PM. All are invited.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

NEXT SAFETY MEETING:

Monday, September 21, 2009
6:30 PM
Atonement Lutheran Church
4500 N. Sherman Blvd.