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## The Bay View Neighborhood Association

exists to maximize the quality of life for individuals and families, and to promote economic development in Bay View through activities that facilitate an attractive, safe and diverse neighborhood.

### **CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 2 CITIZENS CRIME ANALYSIS MEETING NOTES – 06/18/2008**

Previous month's crime stats were presented from 5/19/09 – 06/15/08. Officer Arzaga reminded us that crime stats typically go up in the warm summer months. Thefts during this time period were 249. Theft can be from your yard, your auto, due to shoplifting, etc. There were 33 robberies in our district, 15 of those were armed and 7 were strong arm. Burglaries for the month included 19 garages, 30 residences, and 6 businesses. There was discussion about "shots fired". If a person reports that there were shots fired in their area, the police will come out and look for the casings/bullet holes. Shots fired are only recorded on the crime state maps if proof is found.

There have been a number of robberies against the ice cream peddlers (paleteria vendors – you see them on the north end of Bay View with their carts and bells). Officer Arzaga said to please keep an eye out for these guys, and if you notice anyone suspicious approaching them, call the police. They believe it is one group that is targeting these vendors.

The Neighborhood Task Force, N.T.F. is in full swing. The N.T.F is comprised of all of the special units – mounted police, motorcycle, gang, canine, tactical, boats, etc., being put together to work in one area/neighborhood in one day. The police are finding this to be a very effective approach to combating crime in tough neighborhoods. You may have read about this or seen photos in the Journal Sentinel. It is a technique being used by the new Police Chief.

The Police Departments continues to work with a pilot program called DPR – Differential Police Response Unit. This is an old fashioned style of policing, where the police handle certain matters over the phone, which frees up patrol time. For example if you are having trouble with a loud neighbor, the police will phone them up and inform them of complaints about them and tell them they need to quiet it down.

The Sheriff's TEU – Targeted Enforcement Unit, then gave a presentation. This program is 3 years old. The TEU works on things that are affecting citizens now, such as parks, transit, etc. There have been 10 additional officers added this year to work within the parks. Many of them are plain clothes officers and patrol the parks in unmarked cars. There are 7 zones that the officers work in. In addition, County Parks have added Park Rangers. This is a new program that uses civilians who act as the eyes and ears for the park. They are a liaison between the citizens and park activity and the police. They are allowed to act on matters to a certain level.

One question that came up was if an arrest is made, or crime reported that happens within county parks, does it appear on the City of Milwaukee Police Department Crime Stat maps. The answer to that question was no. The citizens in the group stated it would be good if these crimes were reflected so we have an accurate picture of crime in our area.

There was again talk of calling 911. If you call from a cell phone, the call goes to the County Sheriff's dispatch center, and is routed from there. If you can from a land line, the call gets transferred to the City

Police Department. Jose said to always get the operator number when you call, so you can report any problems you have with dispatch.

If you are interested in forming a block watch for your neighborhood, please get in touch with Officer Arzaga at 414-935-7228, or via email [jarzag@milwaukee.gov](mailto:jarzag@milwaukee.gov).

Emergencies or crimes in progress – DIAL 911

Non-emergency number – 414-933-4444 (program this into your cell phone!)

District 2 – 414-935-7223

Police Department: <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/MilwaukeePoliceDepar317.htm>

Crime Stats/Maps: <http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/CrimeStatsampMaps19449.htm>

NEXT MEETING: JULY 23RD, 6:00 P.M. BAY VIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY.