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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 – 07/23/2008

Previous month's crime stats were presented from 6/23/08 – 07/20/08. Due to the warm weather and worsening economy, Jose predicts that crime will continue to rise.

Aggravated Assaults – There were 2 in Bay View, both where the victim knew their assailant. An aggravated assault is on a higher level than your typical fight. An aggravated assault is when someone loses a tooth, requires stitches, has broken bones or otherwise ends up in the hospital.

Arson – There were 7 total in our district, including one in Bay View. There was much discussion about the car fire in Bay View. No one is in custody for this crime. Jose explained that the arsons we see in our district are typically car fires. The criminals steal a car and then light it on fire hoping to destroy evidence, however the fire department usually is able to put the fire out in time to preserve any evidence. The Bay View car fire is still under investigation.

Burglaries – There were 64 this month versus 67 last month. Typically you see a lot of garage burglaries, however burglaries of homes are on the rise, particularly during day time hours and as “gypsy scams”, where someone impersonates a service worker such as city water, cable, phone company, etc. Do not let anyone in your home that you are not expecting. Also remember to keep all of your doors and windows locked when you are not home and when you are sleeping. Thieves can slit a screen and gain entrance to your home easily.

Vehicle Theft – 43 this month versus 64 last month. There were approximately 6 in the Bay View area. There does not seem to be a trend as far as type of car stolen.

Robberies – 40 vs 33 last month. There were two in Bay View, one near Humboldt Park. The number of armed versus strong armed robberies were approximately the same. Officer Arzaga did not have info on the Humboldt Park robbery with him, but will investigate it. The robbery occurred on July 12th at South Pine at 2:01 a.m. Officer Arzaga will provide more info.

Thefts – 281 this month, up from 249 last month. No trend in what is being stolen. Approximately 45 reported in Bay View.

Sexual Assaults – 3 for the month, one in Bay View. This was a domestic case.

Shots Fired/Shootings – none in Bay View. See last month's notes for an explanation on shots fired. Shootings are recorded as self-inflicted or of another person. On July 23rd in the Bay View area at Howell and Morgan, a man fired a shotgun in his yard at his lawn-mower. Police investigating the scene discovered the man had a felony record and had many firearms in his home. He was arrested.

Homicides – There have been 7 total YTD in District 2. None in Bay View. The latest happened at 4th and Maple, an armed robbery gone bad. The subjects are in custody, and the police were able to clear many past robberies with this arrest.

There was once again discussion about issues with the dispatchers. Dispatchers are trained civilians who answer the phone. They must give you their operator ID when they answer. If they do not, ask for it. If you are having an issue with Dispatch, let Captain Negron at District 2 know. 935-7222. Likewise if you are unhappy with the police response you receive, let the Captain know about it.

Graffiti – Gang graffiti is different than tagging. Regardless, please report it to the police as well as the graffiti hotline at either graffiti@milwaukee.gov, or 286-8715. Try to take a photo if you can.

Regarding photos/video: it is legal to take photos or video of people in public rights of way. Do not jeopardize your own safety to do this.

If you suspect a home of gang, drug, or prostitution activity, get as much information as you can. Address of home, license plate numbers of cars coming and going, description of vehicles, description of persons and activity, etc. This should be reported to District 2, the Captain, or the Vice Control at 935-7411. You will be asked a lot of questions, so please cooperate!

REMINDER that all suspicious activity should be reported, and all crimes, no matter how large or small should be reported. This is how the police are able to track trends and hopefully make arrests and clear other crimes.

If you report a crime over the phone, they will give you an incident number. All reported crimes must have this number. This is also how you can obtain more detailed info via Compass online.

There is a new e-notify that comes directly from District 2, and includes Crime Bulletins. Be sure you have checked this option in your e-notify selections.

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.

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: August 20, 6:00 P.M. CONGREGATION OF THE GREAT SPIRIT, 1575 S. 10TH STREET