



First Precinct - Sector 111 Community Report January 2010 Lieutenant James J. Laino

During the first month of the New Year, the Sector experienced a 20% decrease in Major Crime; a 43% decrease in violent crime (7 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 4 in 2010) and a 16% decrease in property crime (43 incidents reported in 2009 compared to 36 in 2010). The 4 violent crimes reported included: 3 Aggravated Assaults and 1 robbery. Of the 4 violent incidents reported 1 has been cleared with an arrest and the remaining 3 are still being investigated by detectives. The current trend in Property Crime is residential burglary; there were 11 reported during January, 3 of which occurred while residents were out of town for the holidays during December. Please remember that the Police Department will check your home or business while you are out of town, you can stop by the Precinct or fill out the form on-line at the attached website - <http://www.richmondgov.com/Police/index.aspx> .

During the month of February we are going to focus on residential burglaries in the Fulton and Church Hill neighborhoods; officers will be walking, biking and on directed patrol assignments in those areas. Also if there is a burglary in your neighborhood I will notify the civic association within 2 days of the incident and ask that the information be disseminated throughout your neighborhood. We will also continue to watch for trends in thefts related to motor vehicles in other neighborhoods.

Crime Trends for January:

- Church Hill - residential burglary.
- Chimborazo - no current trend.
- Church Hill North - no current trend.
- Fulton - residential burglary.
- Oakwood - no current trend.
- Union Hill - no current trend.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

First Precinct - 646-3602
Non-emergency number 646-5100
Truancy Hotline - 646-ABCD (2223)
Drug Complaints 646-8123

Sincerely,
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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Motor Vehicle Theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended (don't warm up your car)
- Never leave a spare set of keys in your vehicle
- Keep your vehicle locked

Thefts from motor vehicles:

- Always keep your vehicle locked.
- Don't leave your car running or spare keys inside.
- Take personal items in your home/apartment or secure in the trunk - especially IPod's, GPS's and change.
- Inform your guests about leaving items in the interior of their vehicles.

Burglaries:

- Make sure you always lock your doors and windows when you leave home.
- If you are working in the rear yard, be sure to lock your front door.
- Don't leave items out that can be used to gain entry through a window, such as ladders.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed.
- Make sure sheds and outbuildings are always locked.
- Get to know your neighbors -keep a watch on each others property and exchange contact numbers in case there is an emergency.
- Don't leave items unsecured in your yard such as bikes and lawn mowers; this sometimes invites criminals onto your property.
- Notify the Police Dept if you are going on vacation or out of town on business.