




# Mount Rainier Police Department

## Memorandum



February 1, 2010

TO: Mayor & Council  
City Manager

FROM: Michael E. Scott   
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Chief's Report – February 2010

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### *Crime:*

- Attached to this report you will find the Part I crime comparison for January 2010. The numbers show a 20% increase in overall crime as compared with the month of January 2009. This overall increase is a result of increases in burglary and auto theft. While none of our eight vehicle thefts have been solved, we have closed two of January's burglaries by arrest.

### *Grant Activities:*

- The department has received its official notification from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention that it has been awarded \$68,328 for the purchase of eighteen 700/800 MHz portable radios. We have ordered these radios and expect to have them delivered in the next couple of weeks.

The acquisition of these portable radios only solves part of the Department's communications problem. We are still in need of twenty mobile radios to equip each of our police vehicles. We are currently in discussion with Congressman Chris Van Hollen's office to obtain an earmark in the next federal funding cycle. Our submission is due to the Congressman's office by February 17<sup>th</sup> and staff is already working on our submission. Preliminary talks with the Congressman's legislative staff indicate an earmark of \$80,000 to \$100,000 is possible given the critical nature of the request.

- As part of our 2009 DOJ technology assistance grant we targeted the acquisition of a mobile fingerprint scanner. This scanner allows the immediate identification of individuals through a handheld device that scans a person's fingerprints, transmits them to a regional identification database and returns a positive identification of those persons who have a previous record. The device also has the capability of taking a photograph of an individual and identifying him/her through facial recognition technology. Through the efforts of 2LT Alan Hanson of the Fairfax County Police Department – Chairman of the NCR Automated Biometric Identification System Governance Board – we were able to obtain the scanner at no cost to the department. We immediately deployed the device to our patrol supervisors and we have had several successful "hits" on individuals whose

true identity was in question. Although several surrounding police agencies have acquired this technology, MRPD is the first to deploy one in its daily patrol operations.

**Personnel:**

- Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> OFC Mongal has been transferred to a light duty status due to her pregnancy. We anticipate that her light duty status will continue well into the next fiscal year.

**Speed Cameras:**

- Our only operational speed camera is in place on Arundel Road between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets. Citations are being issued to the owners of those vehicles who are found to be exceeding the posted 25 MPH speed limit by 12 MPH or more. The Maryland State Highway Administration has still not approved the City installing speed cameras on either Queens Chapel Road or Rhode Island Avenue.
- The Town of Brentwood has changed the posted speed limit on westbound 34<sup>th</sup> Street from 25 MPH down to 15 MPH. Brentwood’s Chief of Police has informed me that the Town intends to install a speed camera just west of Upshur Street to enforce this new 15 MPH speed limit. Brentwood’s action does not affect the speed limit on eastbound 34<sup>th</sup> Street in Mount Rainier - it remains 25 MPH.

**Award from the County Executive:**

- On Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> Captain Stoots and I attended the Prince George’s County Police Department’s crime reduction celebration ceremonies. During the event the Mount Rainier Police Department, along with several other municipal police departments in the County received a certificate of appreciation from County Executive Jack Johnson for the department’s activities in helping the County realize a 35-year low crime rate in 2009.

**December 2009 Selected Offenses  
by Team Policing Area**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Location</b>			<b>TPA</b>
30-Jan-10	Robbery - Citizen	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
27-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4230 BL	34TH	ST	1A
11-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	3200 BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
12-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
23-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	4000 BL	35TH	ST	1A
26-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	3300 BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
18-Jan-10	Theft – Vehicle Tags	3100 BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
21-Jan-10	Theft – Vehicle Tags	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
21-Jan-10	Theft > 500	3200 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
12-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3300 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
21-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3200 BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
23-Jan-10	B & E - Residential	4500 BL	34TH	ST	1B
05-Jan-10	Robbery - Citizen	BL	34TH	ST	1B

11-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	3700	BL	OTIS	ST	1B
05-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	1		MUNICIPAL	PL	1B
01-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3600	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
21-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3700	BL	WELLS	AV	1B
31-Jan-10	Assault - Aggravated	2200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
12-Jan-10	B & E - Residential	4300	BL	28TH	ST	2A
22-Jan-10	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
26-Jan-10	B & E - Residential	2700	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
29-Jan-10	Robbery - Carjacking	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
04-Jan-10	Robbery - Citizen	4600	BL	25TH	ST	2A
05-Jan-10	Robbery - Citizen	2500	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
15-Jan-10	Robbery - Citizen	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
11-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
13-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4600	BL	29TH	ST	2A
13-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
24-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4500	BL	29TH	ST	2A
11-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
16-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	2503	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
22-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
31-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
12-Jan-10	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4700	BL	30TH	ST	2A
07-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	4200	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
16-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
20-Jan-10	B & E - Residential	3400	BL	EASTERN	AV	2B
12-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
24-Jan-10	Stolen Vehicle	4100	BL	34TH	ST	2B
23-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	28TH	ST	2B
25-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	PERRY	ST	2B
25-Jan-10	Theft - From Auto	2900	BL	TAYLOR	ST	2B
12-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	OTIS	ST	2B
25-Jan-10	Vandalism to Auto	3200	BL	PERRY	ST	2B