




# Mount Rainier Police Department

## Memorandum



April 4, 2011

TO: Mayor & Council  
City Manager

FROM: Michael E. Scott   
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Chief's Report – April 2011

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### *Crime:*

- The crime statistics for the month of March 2011 are attached to this report. The numbers for the first three months of 2011 show an increase in overall Part I crime of 29.33%. The crimes of robbery (+56%), aggravated assault (+50%) and burglary (+100%) continue to be our number one concerns as they are for the other jurisdictions in the District I area. By comparison, PGPD District I is experiencing a 55.6% increase in citizen robberies, and a 23.3% increase in residential burglaries.

### *Personnel:*

- All background investigations have been completed and we have one candidate who has passed all aspects of the background process. However, due to the current financial condition facing the City we have made the difficult decision to delay filling our existing police officer vacancy until after the beginning of the 2012 fiscal year.

### *Grants:*

- The following grant applications are still pending:
  - Community based organizational development partnership with local non-profits, \$5,000.
  - We continue to work with Chief David Mitchell of the University of Maryland Police Department and several other departments in our MOU group to formulate a state/federal grant application that will establish a regional ShotSpotter network from the Beltway to the DC border.
  - Our DOJ technology integration grant application was filed on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We do not expect to hear any word from DOJ on our application for at least several months.
- The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention awarded MRPD one automated license plate reader as part of the Governor's special authorization for license plate readers. GOCCP has charged the Maryland State Police with procurement and distribution of all ALPRs under this statewide grant program. We expect our single unit to be delivered and installed sometime in the next two months. This ALPR has been designated to be installed in the new parking enforcement vehicle requested in the

department's FY2012 budget. Until such time as that vehicle is approved and delivered the new ALPR will be installed in an existing marked police vehicle so as to maximize its use.

**Vehicles:**

- The 4WD vehicle approved in the FY11 budget was finally delivered on February 28<sup>th</sup>. One week later it was involved in a property damage hit and run collision. The damage amounted to over \$2,100 and it took several weeks to get the damage repaired. We delivered the vehicle to the emergency equipment installation shop today and we should have it back with all equipment installed by the end of this week or early next.
- On Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> one of our marked 2007 Dodge Charger police vehicles was totaled in a collision at the intersection of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Arundel Road. The officer driving the cruiser at the time was responding with all emergency equipment activated to back up another officer who had detained a wanted subject. The officer was not severely injured in the collision and is expected to be back to full duty by the end of this week. The driver of the vehicle that struck our cruiser was unlicensed, under the influence of alcohol and failed to yield the right of way to the authorized emergency vehicle. He was arrested and charged accordingly. The cruiser that was totaled is one of the first Dodge Chargers the department purchased back in FY08 and has 57,000+ miles on it. At the time of this report we do not know what monetary value LGIT will place on the vehicle; and, minimum replacement time from the manufacturer is between two and three months.

<b>Speed Camera Program Summary - March 2011</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Unpaid</b>
<b>Rhode Island Avenue, SB @ 37th Street</b>	4,050	809	3,241
<b>Arundel Road</b>	171	31	140
<b>Rhode Island Avenue – January-March 2011</b>			
January	5,084	3,361	1,723
February	3,513	1,900	1,613
March	4,050	809	3,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,647</b>	<b>6,070</b>	<b>6,577</b>

**February 2011 Selected Offenses  
by Team Policing Area**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Location</b>				<b>TPA</b>
28-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	3100	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
16-Mar-11	Robbery - Carjacking	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
28-Mar-11	Robbery - Citizen	3300	BL	CHAUNCEY	PL	1A
09-Mar-11	Robbery - Citizen	4100	BL	RAINIER	AV	1A
04-Mar-11	Robbery - Citizen	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
16-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
04-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
18-Mar-11	Theft - Vehicle Tags	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
19-Mar-11	Theft < 500	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
07-Mar-11	Theft < 500	3400	BL	34TH	ST	1A
04-Mar-11	Theft < 500	3100	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
13-Mar-11	B & E - Commercial	3400	BL	PERRY	ST	1B
22-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	3500	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
21-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	3700	BL	37TH	ST	1B
04-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	36TH	ST	1B
25-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	37TH	ST	1B
24-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	4000	BL	36TH	ST	1B
27-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	2900	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
01-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
19-Mar-11	Property Damage	2200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
20-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	3100	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
11-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	2A
19-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4500	BL	EASTERN	AV	2A
10-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	2200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
07-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	30TH	ST	2A
07-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	30TH	ST	2A
05-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
31-Mar-11	Theft < 500	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
26-Mar-11	Theft < 500	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
14-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2B
07-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	30TH	ST	2B
06-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	3700	BL	34TH	ST	2B
02-Mar-11	B & E - Residential	3600	BL	PERRY	ST	2B
16-Mar-11	Stolen Vehicle	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2B
29-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
25-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2B
14-Mar-11	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	TAYLOR	ST	2B
27-Mar-11	Theft - Vehicle Tags		BL	29TH	ST	2B