




Mount Rainier Police Department

Memorandum



September 3, 2010

TO: Mayor & Council
City Manager

FROM: Michael E. Scott 
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Chief's Report – September 2010

Crime:

- The crime statistics for the months of January through August are attached to this report. The numbers for the first eight months of 2010 show an overall reduction of 1.23% in Part I crime as compared to the same period in 2009. Although overall crime is down for the year we have experienced an increase in the categories of aggravated assault (up from seven last year to ten so far this year), burglary (up from 28 last year to 32 this year), and larceny/theft (up from 118 last year to 121 so far this year). Since the beginning of the fiscal year we have conducted once a month “All Hands on Deck” operations to address these crimes in those areas of the City where we have experienced the highest concentration of these crimes.
- On August 20th we partnered with PGPD vice-narcotics detectives in a covert operation to address prostitution concerns along the Rhode Island Avenue business district. The operation was very successful and resulted in the arrest of nine (9) men for soliciting prostitution from an undercover police officer; and one woman for soliciting prostitution and distribution of CDS. A second covert operation is scheduled for the evening of September 3rd in the same area and the results will be available on September 7th.
- During the second week in July we began using portable electronic citation machines for parking tickets. These machines were provided to us as part of our parking citation management agreement with ComPlus.

Speed Cameras:

- Our two speed cameras, one in the 3100 block of northbound Queens Chapel Road, and in second in the 3700 block of southbound Rhode Island Avenue have been in operation now since the second week in June. To date the Queens Chapel Road camera has generated 1,783 citations and the Rhode Island Avenue camera has generated 22,329. Prior to its being moved to Queens Chapel Road and the end of the school year, the Arundel Road camera had generated 2,471 citations. That brings the total number of citations generated by all cameras since the program started in January to 26,583.

Personnel:

- As of September 3rd one of our two officers who were out on maternity leave has returned to full duty; and the officer who was on light duty due to an on the job injury has also returned to full duty.
- We are in the process of hiring an individual to fill our one existing police officer vacancy. We have two individuals who have successfully completed a thorough background investigation, interviews by the City Manager and the Chief and a psychological examination. Both were found to be well qualified candidates. Both are scheduled to complete State-required polygraph and physical examinations the week of September 6th. Once those results are in we will extend an offer of employment to one of them. We investigated two individuals in anticipation of an additional vacancy which has yet to materialize.

Technology:

- Since my last report in June we have made significant strides in adding additional technological tools to our crime fighting efforts. We have used DOJ grant funds to upgrade our existing mobile data computers and purchased seven new laptops. Each of our patrol officers now has a laptop computer issued to him/her.
- We have also used a combination of DOJ grant funds and MPD grant funds to get connected to MPD's Situational Awareness Management System (SAMS). SAMS allows our officers to see MPD, PGPD and MRPD computer aided dispatch information *real time*. The ability to see this information gives our patrol officers essential situational awareness information so that they are better able to respond to incidents of crime as those incidents happen instead of having to wait to be notified by another jurisdiction. We are working with the SAMS vendor, TransGlobal, to extend this technology out to our MOU partners in Hyattsville and Riverdale Park with MRPD becoming the local communication hub for SAMS information and connectivity. We have applied for a \$200,000 GOCCP grant to cover the future costs of the program.
- On August 4th Governor O'Malley held a press conference in Greenbelt to announce a \$2,000,000 commitment to enhancing license plate reader technology throughout Maryland. By the end of the month we submitted a grant application to GOCCP to obtain \$51,000 of these funds to purchase at least two additional license plate readers for our patrol force and to integrate our existing LPR into the State's LPR database.
- To date, our technology upgrades and enhancements have involved no City funds. We have either used grant monies or received the hardware and software at no cost.

Vehicles:

- I have submitted Resolution 10-2010 for consideration by the Mayor & Council at its September 7th meeting. This resolution provides for the disposal of two (2) marked police vehicles that have reached the end of their service life to the Department. Both of these vehicles have in excess of 100,000 miles on them and would require extensive, non-cost effective repairs to make them operational.
- In the FY11 budget the Mayor & Council approved the purchase of one 4WD vehicle for the Department. We have obtained price quotes for a suitable vehicle and equipment and will ask to make the purchase after November 1st.

Building Maintenance:

- The police station is experiencing an infestation of mold in the back conference room. Although our remediation contractors did not give us an exact reason how the problem started it is believed that condensation caused by the non-insulated, exposed duct work is the source. At the recommendation of the experts that examined the room we have declared it off limits until the problem is corrected.

**July 2010 Selected Offenses
by Team Policing Area**

Date	Offense	Location				TPA
15-Jul-10	B & E - Commercial	3200	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
26-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	4000	BL	35TH	ST	1A
05-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
07-Jul-10	Robbery - Citizen	3200	BL	QUEENS TOWN	DR	1A
27-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
17-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
30-Jul-10	Theft - VehicleTags	3300	BL	BUCHANAN	ST	1A
11-Jul-10	Theft - VehicleTags	3100	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
22-Jul-10	Vandalism	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
01-Jul-10	Theft < 500	3700	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
18-Jul-10	Vandalism	3600	BL	OAK	LN	1B
26-Jul-10	Assault - Aggravated	4600	BL	25TH	ST	2A
20-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	2700	BL	ALLISON	ST	2A
23-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
20-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
13-Jul-10	Robbery - Citizen	2300	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
16-Jul-10	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	2A
10-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	4600	BL	27TH	ST	2A
12-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	2700	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
27-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	KAYWOOD	DR	2A
12-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
06-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
08-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	2900	BL	UPSHUR	ST	2A
14-Jul-10	Theft - VehicleTags	4600	BL	27TH	ST	2A
06-Jul-10	Theft - VehicleTags	4200	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
14-Jul-10	Vandalism	2200	BL	VARNUM	ST	2A
13-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	4100	BL	29TH	ST	2B
19-Jul-10	B & E - Residential	4400	BL	31ST	ST	2B
16-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	4000	BL	29TH	ST	2B
21-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B

19-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
15-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
14-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	2B
17-Jul-10	Theft - From Auto	3400	BL	SHEPHERD	ST	2B

August 2010 Selected Offenses by Team Policing Area

Date	Offense	Location				TPA
09-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
30-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
21-Aug-10	Theft - From Auto	3200	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
21-Aug-10	Theft < 500	3300	BL	CHILLUM	RD	1A
23-Aug-10	Theft > 500	3200	BL	QUEENSTOWN	DR	1A
20-Aug-10	Vandalism to Auto	3000	BL	QUEENS CHAPEL	RD	1A
17-Aug-10	Robbery - Citizen	3700	BL	SHEPHERD	ST	1B
23-Aug-10	Property Damage		BL	34TH	ST	1B
12-Aug-10	Theft > 500	3700	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
22-Aug-10	Vandalism to Auto	3700	BL	SHEPHERD	ST	1B
14-Aug-10	Vandalism	3500	BL	RHODE ISLAND	AV	1B
05-Aug-10	Assault - Aggravated	4400	BL	31ST	ST	2A
07-Aug-10	Robbery - Citizen	4300	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
15-Aug-10	Robbery - Citizen	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
18-Aug-10	Robbery - Citizen	4300	BL	28TH	PL	2A
30-Aug-10	Robbery - Citizen	2700	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2A
10-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	3000	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
10-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	4600	BL	24TH	AV	2A
17-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	4700	BL	27TH	ST	2A
24-Aug-10	Stolen Vehicle	2700	BL	ARUNDEL	RD	2A
22-Aug-10	Theft - From Auto	4200	BL	28TH	ST	2A
31-Aug-10	Theft - From Auto	2700	BL	WEBSTER	ST	2A
09-Aug-10	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4600	BL	30TH	ST	2A
22-Aug-10	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4500	BL	29TH	ST	2A
30-Aug-10	Theft - Vehicle Tags	4100	BL	RUSSELL	AV	2A
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28-Aug-10	Theft - From Auto	4100	BL	31ST	ST	2B
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08-Aug-10	Vandalism to Auto	3300	BL	OTIS	ST	2B