

CAG Public Safety Meeting 6/7/17

Present

Captain David Sledge, Patrol Chief Lamar Greene, Lieutenant Gary Durand, Captain Kelvin Cusick, Lieutenant Paulette Woodson, Commander Melvin Gresham, DDOT representative Cherwin Baga, and CAG Block Captains

New Alignment of MPD

- Patrol divided April 23, 2017 into districts North and South.
 - Chief Greene patrols North districts
 - MPD retirement bubble, many are retiring
 - Chief Robert Contee patrols Southern districts
 - Works with Chief Greene to fight crime consistently
- School safety branch moved from MPDs School Safety Branch (SB) under Investigative Services Bureau (ISB)
- Homeland security- camera program, worked with GT BID to assist in development and protection
- Population growth 2009-2016 grew more than 15% in the last decade, and violent crime decreased 27%
 - 100k new residents, needed to adjust services
 - Response times improved by an entire minute (6:40- to 5:45)
- 2016 v 2017- robberies are down 34%, violent crime down 25% all crime down 4%, auto theft down 6%, yet other thefts are up 9%

2nd district- Georgetown Specific

- 0 homicides, sexual abuse up 20%, assaults with weapons down 48%, robberies down 17% violent crime in total down 26%
- Motor vehicle crimes up 7%, theft from automobiles down 2%, but total crime down 8%
- Traffic fatalities- May 9, 2017- up to (14) deaths up from (6) in 2016
- Cyclist get literature on necessary laws, need to obey rules of road

For your information

- Address crime- install and deploy personal cameras, call 911 or text (50411) if there is an incident, texting is anonymous, can send pictures.
- If the incident is in progress dial 911
 - Would be helpful to get statistics on camera effectiveness for the neighborhood
- Encourage residents to partner with MPD get to know them
- Attend PSA meetings and be active on the listservs
- Get to know neighbors and community members

Terrorist attacks

- See something say something, MPD.gov fill out suspicious activities report

Proper tactics of calling the MPD

- Be Specific
- Explain specific actions or threats
 - Not just “suspicious”

Questions and Comments for MPD

- Traceable forensic liquid
 - “Smart water” to protect against thefts, statistics? In London, 27% decrease in theft
- Restrictions of commercial activity on residential area
 - needs business permit
 - but there are no limit on parking permits
- Summer activities- Especially on Sundays
 - Slingshots speed around down by boathouse and K st- by water front, key bridge, park police jurisdiction, idling for buses need to cracked down on.
 - 26 arrests in the last few months, weapons, drugs, on waterfront
- Intersection of R st and 32nd need to enforce stop signs
 - O St and Potomac- stop sign is hidden by branches and needs to be made more visible
 - Speed bumps?
- Improve street lighting- neighborhoods issue, decorative v high intensity
 - DDOT, putting up shields on house side for high intensity street lamps
 - Do not have enough street lights on certain blocks
- Walk the Beat initiative during the summer
 - Will be resuming this initiative soon

Captain Cusick took over from David Sledge

- Took over area that includes Georgetown