

Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, January 14, 2008
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue
<http://caps24.org>
<http://www.beat2431.org/>

Officiates:

Kevin O'Neil, Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Jayne M. Hoffman, co-Facilitator, Notes Recorder

Meeting notes are paraphrased, quotations are marked accordingly.

Welcome and introductions: Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. With about 25 attendees, including police/ Kevin O'Neil noted beat meetings are on the second Monday of January and February due to federal holidays. Standard meeting dates on the third Monday of the month will resume in March.

Police crime report: Officer Fitzgerald presented the Top Ten crimes for the month of December. Go here to see the entire list:

<http://www.beat2431.org/2008/01/january-handout.html>

The top three were:

- Domestic battery, simple – 5
- Theft from building – 5
- Battery, simple – 4
- Motor vehicle theft – 3

26 total arrests in December compared to 74 in October and 44 in November.

Index crime in 2007 dropped almost 12% compared to 2006. There were 42 fewer victims of index crime in 2007 than 2006 – 310 vs. 352. In the beat as a whole there were a total of 863 crimes reported in 2007, vs. 954 reported in 2006, for a decrease of 9.5%. Read a full report on the big crime drop here:

<http://www.beat2431.org/2008/02/big-crime-drop.html>

A citizen asked why there were fewer crimes in 2007. A sergeant attributed it to good police work. Additionally, Cmdr. Bruce Rottner has special police teams that target particular issues/areas. Kevin also mentioned that there was good community pressure and participation from concerned citizens in identifying problem areas at CAPS meetings.

Updates on old problems:

- **1345 Lunt and 1340 Morse:** Building manager Hugh Rider reports that the buildings are vacant except but one tenant on the Lunt side. Has a possession order issued by the Circuit Court, on December 10, 2007, *stayed* until the 31st. Sheriff has now been requested. The sergeant suggested he contact (312) 744-6321, Officer Rich Heinosch, who addresses the building issues in District 24. He may be able to fast track something through the sheriff to get that tenant out.

Identify new problem areas:

- **1422 W. Farwell:** Large courtyard building on the east side that goes down a gangway. Male, 290lbs., 5'10" tall, mid-30s. Dealing drugs. He's been there a couple of months, deals on the street and out of his apartment.

II. Announcements:

- Goals for 2008: increase attendance; meetings kept to an hour; National Night Out 2008 in August; Professor John coordinated effort on the Loyola Park with Alderman's office.
- Next meeting is Feb. 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.