

Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, August 20, 2007
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue
<http://caps24.org>
<http://www.beat2431.org/>

Officiates:

Kevin O'Neil, Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Sergeant John Baranowski , Beat Team Leader, Chicago Police Department

Jayne M. Hoffman, co-Facilitator, Notes Recorder

Meeting notes are paraphrased, quotations are marked accordingly.

I. Welcome and introductions: 7:03 pm: Kevin began with introductions, provided a brief history of the CAPS program and illustrated the boundaries of Beat 2431.

Kevin thanked everyone for a successful National Night Out on August 7th. Volunteers handed out about 150 ice cream cones along with information about CAPS and other community events and programs. Kevin especially thanked the students who scooped ice cream, Mary Jane Haggerty from the Rogers Park Community Council, and CAPS volunteers.

II. Police crime report: **Sgt. Baranowski** presented the Top Ten crimes for the month of July:

- Battery, simple – 12,
- Domestic battery, simple - 9,
- Theft from building – 7,
- Theft (other) <\$300.00 – 6,
- Motor vehicle theft – 5,
- Narcotics, possession of cannabis <30gms – 5,
- Assault, simple – 4,
- Deceptive practice, theft of labor/services – 4,
- Criminal damage to property – 4,
- Public peace violation, arson threat – 4.

Five arrests were made in Loyola Park for violating the 11 pm curfew during this time period.

Sixty-six arrests were made from July 1 – 31. There were 62 during the previous period (June 1-30). Statistics are also available at www.chicagocrime.org and through <http://caps24.org>.

The Index Crime Report will be addressed quarterly, thus at the October meeting.

III. Updates on old problems:

- **6912 N. Lakewood: Sgt. Baranowski:** One drug-related arrest was made at the building. Analysis shows that it may not be someone who lives in the building. Kevin asked police to check if the arrestee lives in the building. If so, the building could qualify to enter the Drug and Gang House Enforcement program (<http://www.copsreportsfromthefield.org/reports/IL-GANGS-Chicago.pdf>).
- **Loyola Park:** Large groups of loiterers in Loyola Park. Bicycle cops have been very effective and have written several Administrative Notices of Violation (ANOV). A **citizen** reported that he was told to leave the Farwell Avenue pier by the CPD bicycle patrol at 9:45 pm. Loyola Park does not close until 11 pm daily. **Sgt. Baranowski** responded that he would address with his patrols the distinction between when the lifeguards leave for the day and the actual beach closing time.

IV. Identify new problem areas:

- **1340 – 1328 Morse:** Cocaine sales and beatings. Happens around 22:00. A citizen reported drug sellers were blocking the north-south alley with a car. **Sgt. Baranowski** will look into the issue and reminded citizens to call 911.
- **Two local business owners** complained about loitering and panhandling on Morse Avenue around the El and on Glenwood Avenue. They wanted to know what could be done about it. **Kevin** reminded attendees that it is not illegal to loiter or panhandle, unless it becomes aggressive. In that case, call 911 to report a simple assault. **Sgt. Baranowski** explained that if you feel threatened, even if you are not being physically harmed, you can call 911 and file a “simple assault” charge.

A business owner added that he assisted two of his female bartenders when they had been harassed by a male perpetrator after the bar closed. He claimed that the CPD should have control over these people. **Sgt. Baranowski** explained that citizens who experience verbal or physical assault should call 911. He also suggested that business owners install cameras on their building to monitor activity and provide evidence so the police can follow-up.

- **Citizen at 1639 W. Lunt:** Calling on people in the neighborhood driving without a license. These drivers are dealing drugs in the back, and one (possible illegal driver) nearly hit his son.
- **1420 W. Farwell:** A citizen reported a beating next door for about an hour in the courtyard building (1424 W. Farwell).
- **Citizen:** Are we dealing with organized gangs with the drug dealing? **Sgt. Baranowski:** Yes, it is a continued effort. Go to <http://gangresearch.net/GangResearch/Policy/law.html> for information on law related to gangs and loitering.

V. Announcements:

- Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival: Kick off at Duke's Bar on Glenwood.
- Block clubs have a lot of power. Neighbors United for New Possibilities is a local organization that supports the Gale School Greenhouse project and block clubs. Contact Glen Barwegen or Mayra Gomez at 773.338.0478 for more information.
- The next Beat Meeting is on Monday, September 17.
- Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.