

Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, September 17, 2007
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue
Web site: <http://www.beat2431.org/>

Officiates:

Kevin O'Neil, Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Sergeant John Baranowski , Beat Team Leader, Chicago Police Department

Kevin O'Neil, Notes Recorder

Meeting notes are paraphrased, quotations are marked accordingly.

- I. Welcome and introductions: 7:01 pm: Kevin began with introductions. He noted that there were quite a few newcomers to the meeting and thus provided a brief history of the CAPS program and illustrated the boundaries of Beat 2431. About 30 people were in attendance.

- II. Police crime report: Sgt. Baranowski presented the Top Ten crimes for the month of August. They can be found on the beat2431.org Web site in pdf at:
http://www.beat2431.org/files/Beat2431_08_2007_Top10Crimes.pdf

Top crimes were:

Battery, simple – 12,
Narcotics, possession of cannabis <30gms – 10,
Theft from building – 7,
Deceptive practice, theft of labor/services (usually jumping the CTA turnstile) – 7,

There was a total of 66 arrests on the beat in August. Details can be found on the Web site at:
http://www.beat2431.org/files/Beat2431_08_2007_Arrests.pdf

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

III. Updates on old problems:

- Homeless in Loyola Park: A citizen noted he problem has improved somewhat, though some homeless are still in the park. Sgt. Baranowski again stressed the need to call 911 when you see homeless. Throughout the summer, police have run missions where they warn homeless in the park to leave at 11 pm, when the park closes. They issue another warning at 2 am and tell them to leave. If they are still there at 4 am, they arrest them.

- Duke's Sports Bar: The owner said he has been calling the police more if he sees problems on Glenwood Avenue near the bar. He's seen mixed results, saying police arrested a trespasser to a home under construction behind his bar. Other times he didn't see police. Sgt. Baranowski reminded everyone that the calls are prioritized. He also said you should tell the dispatcher if you want to talk to police, and give your name.
- 1100 Block of Morse: A citizen noted that police had shown great restraint in making an arrest on the block over Labor Day weekend. A woman was screaming at the police as they arrested someone, screaming that the arrest was racially motivated. The citizen was "really impressed at the remarkable restraint" by police in dealing with the incident.
- August First Commercial Bank Robbery Attempt: Sgt. Baranowski reported police have made no arrests in the attempted robbery.

IV. Identify new problem areas:

- Pratt and Bosworth: Reports of teens hanging out. (This was on south side of Pratt, which is technically in Beat 2432.) Police reported they have stopped by there recently and the kids actually live at the address where they are hanging out on the corner.
- 1251 W. Lunt: A citizen reports noticing a 20-something person dealing drugs to cars that stop by. The citizen thinks the dealer might live in the Alex Mindea building at 1237-4 W. Lunt.
- 1340 W. Morse / 1345 W. Lunt: A citizen asked whether these problem buildings had been sold. Kevin noted that a representative from the building was not present, as mandated under a resolution agreement with the city. Kevin said he would call the building manager and report back at the October meeting.

V. Announcements:

- The next meeting is at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 15.
- Kevin adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.