

POLICE

FORT PIERCE



MEMORANDUM

To: Robert J. Bradshaw, City Manager
From: Frank J. Amandro, Acting Chief
Date: September 5, 2014
Re: 30 Day Operational Plan for the Police Department

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

As we discussed, I have implemented or will be implementing the following crime prevention measures to address the chronic crime problems the city is currently experiencing:

Additional foot/bike patrols in the city's chronic hot spot areas:

1. Foot Patrols

On July 1, 2014, I issued the following Directive concerning Directed Foot and Bike Patrols:

- All sworn officers will begin conducting foot patrols within our chronic hot spot areas: North 33rd Street to North 27th Street (from Avenue D to Pioneer Park) and North 24th to North 21st Street (from Avenue D to Avenue M).
- Lieutenants and Sergeants will also be required to conduct these foot patrols. Our citizens need to connect with our management and supervisory staff. You are the foundation in building these relationships. As officers come and go, our management and supervisor staff generally remains the same, except the occasional retirement.
- These foot patrols should be conducted between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
- Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants should spend an hour or two each day conducting foot patrols.
- Officers will also be handing out any flyers that we may have e.g., the Wanted Posters, Bolo's, Missing Children etc....

Shift commanders are required to submit weekly reports documenting their community policing activities.

2. Bike Patrols

Our Bike Unit recently concluded their Summer Task Force Enforcement Detail. As of last week, they were redirected to patrol our chronic crime hot spots four (4) days a week, eight (8) hours a day. The only exceptions to this directive are inclement weather and/or other special events that may require a Bike Unit.

- In addition, I authorized a second Bike Patrol Unit that will increase our presence in our chronic crime hot spots; thus, providing seven (7) days a week coverage.
- The officers assigned to these Bike Units are our senior officers, each having at least six (6) or more years of service with our department.

Allocation of officers to the city's chronic hot spots:

Our Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) and our Crime Prevention Unit have been temporarily redirected to focus their enforcement and community oriented policing activities to our chronic hot spots. These two units along with our patrol shifts that are already assigned to the Lincoln Park neighborhood accounts for fifty-seven percent (57%) of the department's staff. Within the next two weeks, I will add one additional CSU detective. And, as our staffing levels stabilize, I will add another CSU detective.

Increased law enforcement presence at Percy Park Gymnasium and PAL Gym:

1. I will revision my Foot/Bike Patrol Directive to include the Percy Park Gymnasium and the PAL Gym locations. Officers, sergeants, and lieutenants will be required to spend time during the course of their Foot Patrols, which will insure there is an increased law enforcement presence and that they is interaction between the officers and youth during the following timeframes:
 - **Percy Park Gymnasium** Hours of Operation:

Monday & Wednesdays: Middle School Open Gym	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursdays: High School Open Gym	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday & Fridays: Over 18 "College Age" Open Gym	8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 - **PAL Gym** Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday	4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
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2. I also directed our Crime Prevention Officers to spend time at both locations with the understanding that they are there to build relationships, trust, and respect with our youth; being mentors, counselors, and coaches etc...

Partnering senior officers with less experienced officers who patrol the neighborhoods to improve community relations:

- As mentioned, our Sergeants and Lieutenants are required to participate in the Foot Patrol program with our officers, as two-thirds (2/3's) of our patrol staff has under three (3) years of experience. Our Sergeants and Lieutenants are generally our most experienced and senior officers.
- The city is divided into two (2) districts with nine (9) patrol zones. Three (3) of these patrol zones encompass the Lincoln Park neighborhood. We have doubled the staffing in these three (3) zones.
- Field Training Officers (FTO's) are generally the departments more experienced and senior officers, who are responsible for training our new officers; providing them with diversity and community oriented policing training.
- Our CSU detectives and Crime Prevention Officers are the department's most senior officers. Both units have been redirected to focus their enforcement activities and community oriented policing activities within our chronic hot spot locations to reduce our violent crime, while building trust and improving our community relationships and partnerships.