



MEMORANDUM



TO: Chief Hooper
FROM: Sgt. Jackie Stepp
SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee Meeting Update 7/27/15
DATE: July 17, 2015
CC: Lt. Wallace Welch

The downtown unit is now fully staffed with 6 officers and 1 sergeant on each team (day/night). The downtown unit continues to use the downtown enhancement plan strategies to reduce criminal activity and improve public safety in the Central Business District.

The April 2015 – June 2015 part 1 violent crime shows an increase of 1 compared to April 2014 – June 2014. The April 2015 – June 2015 part 1 property crime shows an increase of 43 compared to April 2014 – June 2014. An increase in the property crime is a direct result of property owners continuing to report graffiti. Officers also now encourage property owners to report graffiti in an attempt to collect all incidents, match graffiti, link vandals, etc.

Part 1 violent crime for June 2015 compared to June 2014 stayed the same with 8 reported incidents. In June there was a spike (1 in May to 7 in June) in aggravated assaults and alcohol related incidents. Specifically 3 of the 7 aggravated assaults involved alcohol. In June officers charged a total of 93 alcohol related offenses compared to 49 in May. Although 6 out of the 7 aggravated assaults were cleared by arrests, performance objectives were put in place to address this issue. The downtown unit continues with proactive arrests versus citations for alcohol related offenses, have met with a total of 12 alcohol establishments and continue to meet with more to provide and discuss educational material on early signs of intoxication, over-serving, etc. Downtown unit officers have partnered with Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) on some of the alcohol establishments that are causing issues. Officers are working with alcohol establishments to hire off-duty officers for extra security (to date three have agreed and started). Officers have reported a number of street light outages since 2 of the aggravated assault incidents occurred in low lit areas and have also conducted at least 3 special operations targeting alcohol related offenses.

Part 1 property crime for June 2015 compared to June 2014 showed an increase from 26 to 32. Specifically in June there was a spike (1 incident in May to 9 in June) in Car B&E's. All 9 cars were reported unlocked. Performance objectives put in place to address this spike were; 7 car B&E operations (expending 141 man hours), officers distributed 441 Secure it Lock it Protect it forms and made 31 quality field contacts (possible car B&E suspects). These performance objectives resulted in Car B&E's going from 9 back to 1.