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To: District Five Community Advisory Board (CAB) Attendees

Subject: Follow-up Letter, RE: April 2009 D5 Community Advisory Board Meeting

Date: April 27, 2009

On April 16, 2009, we had our monthly District Five, Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting. We would like to thank Pastor Bruce Meadows and his congregation at the Northeast Church of Christ for hosting our meeting this month. We had another good and productive gathering. In addition to our community members, the following members of the Denver Police Department were present at the meeting: Commander Lisa Fair; Lt. Dave Shear; District Five NSCAT Officer Antonio Guardado; CRO's Technician (P.C.) Chanthavong and Officer Vanita Warren; and District Five Victim Advocate, Brenda Melons. The following items were discussed or presented during April's meeting:

Statistical Update

Overall crime in Montbello for the first quarter of 2009 was up 18.5%. This was largely due to an apparent 500% increase in offenses involving Family/Child, where 1 incident was reported in March 2008 and 6 incidents occurred in March 2009. Reporting procedures regarding domestic violence incidents require that children who are present during the incident also be documented as victims. In addition, the number of property crime incidents involving thefts from motor vehicles, and stolen motor vehicles are up from last year, and are occurring on a consistent basis.

Overall crime in Gateway/Green Valley Ranch for the first quarter of 2009 was down -2.8%. This was due to a significant reduction in the number of reported white collar crimes, such as fraud and embezzlement. Also, auto thefts were down significantly (-47.8%), and robberies showed a (-100%) decrease with 9 incidents occurring in 2008 and none occurring, as of date, in 2009. While overall crime is down in Gateway/GVR, thefts from motor vehicles and burglaries are still on the rise with 41.7% and 45.5% increases respectively.

Commander Update

- District detectives continue to investigate the ongoing thefts from motor vehicles. Suspects are stealing tires and rims from F-Series Ford trucks. Suspects are also targeting semi trucks. This pattern has been confined to the industrial/warehouse areas of the District.
- The District is working to increase existing Neighborhood Watch programs and enhance them by developing additional programs that target our diverse community. We are working with the Montbello 20/20 commission and Councilman Hancock's office; in addition to organizations and associations in Green Valley Ranch and Gateway.
- The City & County of Denver *Office of the Independent Monitor* will be having a Citizen's Oversight Board meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2009 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, at the GVR Recreation Center. This meeting is open to the community and all are encouraged to attend. The mission of the Office of the Independent Monitor is to provide fair and objective oversight of the Denver Police, Sheriff's Department and fire Department. The Monitor's mission is directed at transparency and accountability in order to ensure public confidence in Denver's sworn Safety personnel and the policies which govern them. **[We are sorry we weren't able to get this update letter to you prior to the COB meeting. However, you can find out more information about the Citizen Oversight Board at www.denvergov.org/cob. They are located at the Wellington Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave..**

Dept. 1201, Denver, CO 80202. Phone: 720/913-3150. You can also e-mail them at: cob@ci.denver.co.us

- SCAM: There is a laptop computer scam occurring where potential buyers are given the opportunity to purchase a new laptop. They are given a meeting location and time, and then presented with a display model of the laptop they will be purchasing. The deal is made and money is exchanged. The buyer is then given a neatly packaged box allegedly containing the new laptop. The meeting is ended and buyer and seller part ways. When the buyer gets the package home and opens the box, there is no laptop inside. **CAUTION!!! Don't be a victim!!!!**

NSCAT Update

- In conjunction with the DPD Vice/Narcotics Unit, District Five's NSCAT Units has been conducting several prostitution stings resulting in numerous arrests.
- They continue to actively work all three District Five project areas (Montbello Project, Peoria Row Project, and the Albrook Project); however, they are available to work all areas within District Five requiring their skills and expertise.

CRO Update: Technician Chanthavong

- We are still having problems with semi-trailers parking in the 3800 Blk of Himalaya Road. PC is working with Neighborhood Inspection Service (NIS), Oakwood Homes, and Aurora PD to get the issue resolved.
- We are working with Denver Excise & License, Adams County Sheriff's Dept, Commerce City PD, and Rocky Mountain Arsenal officials to eliminate the growing "flea market" on 56th Ave. Permits and licensing will be checked and verified, and citations issued as necessary.
- We are still looking for more community volunteers for the Northfield *COPShop*. The District 5 Community Operated Policing Storefront (**COPShop**) is located in the *Shops at Northfield Stapleton* at 8216 E. Northfield Blvd, Unit #1348. **COPShops** are non-profit, all volunteer run organizations sponsored by the Denver Police Department. The District Five *COPShop* is readily accessible in a commercial area; and is designed to aid the citizens of District Five in partnering with their business community. It is a place for businesses and citizens to work together to:
 - Help prevent crime and make our community a safer place to live and work.
 - Assist citizens in accessing Denver Police Department and City & County of Denver services.
 - Provide a place where citizens can file police counter reports without having to go to the substation.
 - Promote the DPD mandate to serve and protect the citizens of the City and County of Denver.

Good volunteers are critical and there is a constant demand for more citizens willing to volunteer their time in whatever way they can. We are always accepting applications for additional volunteers. Interested persons may contact the District 5 CRO's, or stop by the Northfield *COPShop* and speak with the current volunteers themselves.

CRO Update: Officer Warren

In light of the increase in thefts from motor vehicle and auto thefts in the District, Officer Warren briefed the community on things to watch out for and suspicious activity to be aware of. A flyer (*What is Suspicious?*) with these tips is available and has been attached to this correspondence.

Open Forum Major Issues

- ✓ **Question:** *What was Commander Fair's position on Senate Bill 286?*
The Senate Bill 286 is not Colorado "law", and has only recently been introduced and assigned to "Committee." Therefore, it would be premature to attempt to comment on its contents. In addition, a bill has to "pass" both houses of the legislature (the Senate and House of Representatives); go through the amendment process; and be signed by the Governor, prior to becoming Colorado law. Many things can happen to the content of a bill

through this process. Nevertheless, the Denver Police Department is tasked to enforce all Colorado State Law and City & County of Denver municipal laws whatever they may be. You can follow the progress of this legislation at the homepage of the Colorado General Assembly: <http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

Background: Senate Bill 286 was introduced on April 15th by Senators John Morse and Morgan Carroll; and subsequently assigned to the Judiciary Committee. The Bill has been proposed in order to change the provisions related to legal representation of indigent defendants for certain misdemeanor cases, change the offense level or sentencing options for select nonviolent offenses, property offenses, and drug offenses; change the presumptive sentencing ranges for certain felony offenses; repealing certain extraordinary risk sentencing provisions; make changes to the habitual offender statute; and allow for certain sentencing time credits for certain offenders.

- ✓ **Event:** Community members Jim and Diana Jordan reminded the community of the upcoming "Community Cleanup" event that will take place on Saturday, May 16th 2009, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Community members will meet at 5490 Crown Blvd (Northeast Church of Christ) to begin the event.

TOP COP Nominee for May 2009

We would like to thank our community members for their participation in our monthly District Five Top Cop selections. At April's CAB Meeting, the nomination concerning the teamwork of District 5's Detail Two officers received the most votes. Below, we have added the names of the officers to the original narrative.

Sgt. Brake, Cpl. Allen, and Officers Nuanes, Graves, McLean, and Sandoval, responded to a burglary in progress at a residence. Upon arrival Officer Nuanes observed suspects fleeing from the rear of the home through yards. A perimeter was set up and one of the suspects was spotted trying to hide at the corner of the intersection. As officers approached the corner all three suspects again entered the backyards and began running through other yards. As they emerged onto one of the main streets, Officer McLean, who was on the perimeter, confronted the suspects and ordered them to the ground, until the other officers arrived and took the suspects into custody. Excellent teamwork! Good job!

Closing

Also, as a reminder, Technician Anita Gomez is in Detective Training and continues to be out of the office until June 2009. Vanita will be your point of contact for projects and issues arising in the Montbello community.

Later this month, I will be sending out complete information concerning our May 2009, District Five CAB meeting. It will be on **Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.** We will advise of the location at that time. In the interim, please forward any specific concerns or problems that you may have to the District 5 CRO's: phouratsamay.chanthavong@denvergov.org; vanita.warren@denvergov.org or call us at 303-376-2305 or 303-376-2317.

On behalf of Commander Lisa Fair, [thank you for your continued support and participation.](#) We look forward to seeing you again on the 21st of May.

Sincerely,

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