



CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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RESPONSE AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2011

Greetings,

Welcome to the Freedom Division Response Area 2 monthly community letter. You are receiving this newsletter because you've signed up for "notify me" with the Freedom Division. Please check the Freedom Response Area map at <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/CMPD/PatroI+Divisions> to see which area you're in. If you're not in area 2, contact Sergeant Brian Sanders, RA 1, or Sergeant David Minnich, RA 3, to sign up for your area's newsletter.

I'll be sending this newsletter out each month by email to residents and businesses in the Freedom Division RA 2. Ask your neighbors to contact me at [lcarriker@cmpd.org](mailto:lcarriker@cmpd.org), or the Freedom Division office at 704.398.6703, if they'd like to get on board.



Good day, All!

In many of these newsletters I urge you to take a stand and become active in your communities. Often I hear from residents at community meetings or while out in your neighborhoods that you get frustrated when you and the police in your area know who is committing the crimes impacting your community, but it seems the thugs never seem to get arrested and the problem houses never appear to get raided.

While often it takes time to build the kind of cases we need to make long-term changes, **never doubt** that we take your information seriously and **do act on it**. Unfortunately, we cannot arrest a person based on what we know – we **must** use only what we have evidence to support. We can make voluntary contacts with problem locations, but **can't** force our way in without probable cause. And sometimes it takes time, and sometimes luck, and many times **citizen participation** as witnesses for us to get what we need to take the actions all of us desire.

This month alone, we made arrests in two neighborhoods at problem locations on known problem people by working together. Don't get discouraged – keep communicating with us, keep calling in, and we **will** succeed!

Persistence, patience, cooperation – these are the strengths that together will accomplish the long-term positive results we need to keep our communities safe and crime-free!

Best regards,

*Sergeant Lisa Carriker*



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What you will see in this newsletter:

- The Captain's Corner, a monthly message from our Division Captain
- A map of what is included in Response Area 2 to help you determine where you are
- Crime statistics for the previous month
- Crime Stoppers Spotlight Crime of the Month for RA2
- Crime trends that we are seeing in our

area

- Prevention tips that you can take to make sure you and your property stay as safe as possible
- A listing of police and community activities coming up in the next month

## FREEDOM DIVISION CAPTAIN'S CORNER

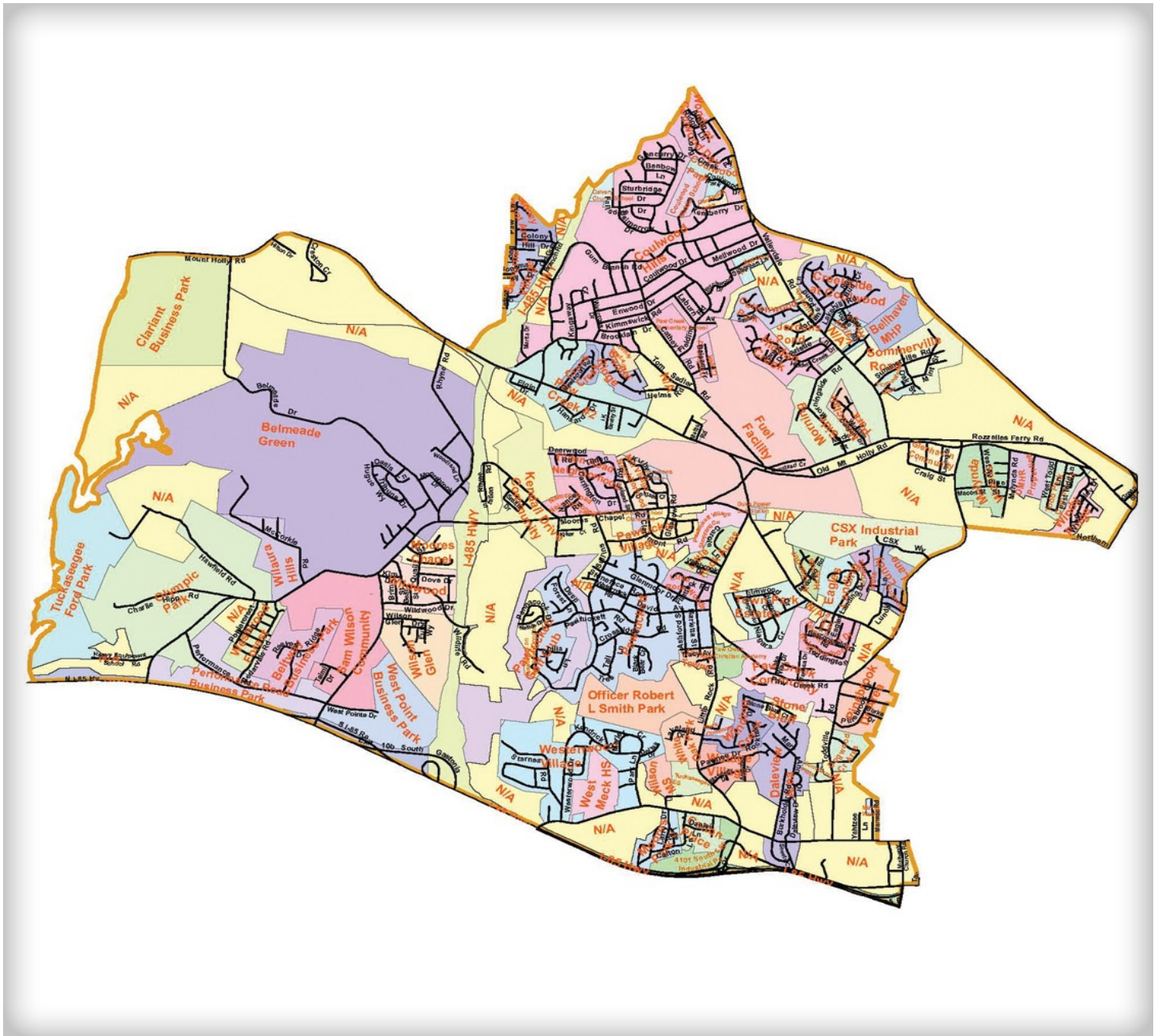
### Captain's Corner

Hello and welcome to another addition of the Captains corner for the Freedom Division. This month we are going to look at how much violent crime has fallen in our Division.

For the quarter (which started April 1st) violent crime is down -44% over all. Robbery is down -49%, and aggravated assault is down -40%. What that says in "real" numbers is that since April 1st, there have been 40 less victims of violent crime than last year. For the entire year of 2011, there have been 51 less victims of violent crime so far than in 2010. We believe there are many reasons for this drop: the use of electronic monitoring on known offenders, some offenders switching to property crimes, but also an increase in our concentration on street level drug sales and locations. As a result of those increases efforts, drug arrests are up 28% for the year in the Freedom Division (280 arrests), and violent crime arrests are up 16% (93 arrests). I want to add that just like property crime, your observations and assistance are needed in these cases as well. If you see something that "doesn't look right", it probably isn't, call us and we'll find out!

Stay safe, keep an eye out for your friends and neighbors and have a great summer. Till next month, Captain Collins.





Response Area 2 is primarily residential, bordered generally on the south by I-85, on the west by the Gaston County line and Catawba River, on the north by Mount Holly Rd / Brookshire Frwy, and on the east by Toddville Rd. In addition to our many neighborhoods, we have key business corridors along the interstate, Brookshire, Little Rock Rd, Freedom Dr and Moores Chapel Rd. We are beginning to see a lot of new development, both residential and business, along the new I-485 corridor, and expect growth to continue in that area. We include both industrial areas, like the Pawtuckett fuel depots, and beautiful natural areas, such as the US National Whitewater Center. We also have several elementary and middle schools, as well as West Mecklenburg High School.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2011, we have returned our focus to Residential Burglaries and Larcenies from Autos. Our target reductions for these will be: Residential Burglaries, reduce by 24% and Larcenies from Autos reduce by 20%.

We are continuing to see decreases in our Violent Crime, but are seeing rising numbers of Property Crime incidents, including both of our Target Offenses.

Again, the key to reductions in both of these target crimes will be alert, engaged citizens. Lock your houses up when you leave, always arm your alarm system if you have one, pay attention to your surroundings when you are out and about, don't leave any valuables in your cars and most important of all, watch out for each other and **Call 911** for any unusual activity, people or cars!!

Chart 1: Information specifically on our Quarterly Focus Crimes and how we fared with them for the previous month. It provides our reduction goals and the number of crimes in each category for the month in both 2009 and 2010, as well as how many we averaged per day for the month. Just a note on this chart, for the purposes of these goals, we add burglaries for both houses and storage buildings to obtain a total number.

Chart 2: A complete overview of all Major Crimes reported in our response area for the previous month. It provides the total number and types of Major Crimes that occurred for the month for 2009 and 2010.

#### Focus Crime Statistics for the Month of May:

Focus Crime	2010	2011	% Change	Goal	Avg Per Week
Residential Burglary	27	33	22 %	- 24%	8.25
Larceny From Auto	21	22	5 %	- 20%	5.5

#### Overall Summary of Major Crimes for May 2011

Incident Type	2010	2011	Difference	Percent Change
Commercial Burglary	0	7	7	NA
<b>Residential Burglary*</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23.08 %</b>
Larceny from Building	2	5	3	150.00 %
Auto Theft	3	5	2	66.67 %
Larceny of Bicycle	0	2	2	NA
Larceny-Other	23	25	2	8.70 %
<b>Larceny from Auto*</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.76 %</b>
Arson	1	1	0	0.00 %
<b>Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
Armed Robbery	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Strong Arm Robbery	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Knife	3	1	-2	-66.67 %
Aggravated Assault-Other Weapon	3	1	-2	-66.67 %
Rape	2	0	-2	-100.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Gun	3	0	-3	-100.00 %
Larceny-Shoplifting	4	0	-4	-100.00 %

## Crime Stoppers Spotlight Crime of the Month

During the last few weeks, we have seen several Dodge Intrepids stolen or dumped in the Pawtucket community, particularly around the Pawtucket on the Green condo complex. Several of these vehicles have been used in larceny from auto incidents.

Currently, we have NO INFORMATION on who these suspects are. If you live in that area and heard or saw anything around that time or have any additional information that could help identify a possible suspect in this incident, please contact CMPD's Crime Stoppers Tipline at 704-334-1600 or call the Freedom Division office at 704-398-6701.



## Crime Trends: Residential Burglaries

During 2010, we saw significant decreases in our Residential Burglaries. So far for 2011, we are not having quite as good a result in reducing these, and have struggled tremendously during this 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR.

We have made some excellent arrests in two of our most-hit areas (Sonoma Valley and Stone Bluff) as a **direct result of involvement by residents in the community!** Alert neighbors saw something that looked suspicious and called 911. It was that simple. In the Sonoma Valley incident, one neighbor called about a suspicious car, which put officers in that community. When a second resident called in about a subject at a neighbor's house, officers were already in the area and were able to catch the thief and recover the victim's property.

Folks, this is **exactly** the kind of help we need! Our officers do a great job of trying to anticipate where crime will strike, but the reality is we can't be everywhere – we depend on all of you to act as our eyes in your communities. Call us. Stop us on the street and tell us who you think are the problem people or houses. Though you may not see immediate results, know that we do follow up on this information, and though justice is slow, when we work together, we can achieve it!

As always, if you have any information on possible suspects or criminal activity that might be in your neighborhood, please contact one of your community coordinators or the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, 704-334-1600.

## Crime Prevention Tips:

As we enter the spring season, many of you will be traveling. Here are a few tips to help keep your home safe while you are gone.

### June Tip – Protecting Your Car

- **Number One: DON'T Leave Items In Your Vehicle!!!** Even something as simple as a charger cord or GPS window-mount can lead a thief to think something worth stealing is inside.
- If you have an alarm, **SET IT!** And if you hear it go off – take a look...a description of a car or person can often help us find suspects.
- Make sure you have adequate lighting outside – motion sensor lights are great, just be sure to keep your car pulled out from the house far enough not to give a thief a stepping stool to tamper with the light.
- **DO NOT** leave a spare key in your car, either to the car or to your house. It is common to see thieves steal these and come back later to steal your car or break into your house. Same goes for your garage door opener.
- Don't use your trunk for storage of valuable items – most newer cars have a trunk release inside, allowing quick access to that computer you thought was "safe".

# New Noise Ordinance

The City of Charlotte has recently updated its Noise Ordinance. While many of these changes focused on businesses near residential neighborhoods, there are some that impact private residences. Here is a quick overview of these new rules, which go into effect on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Sec. 15-63. - Sounds impacting residential life.

(a) It shall be unlawful to carry on the following activities in any residentially zoned area of the city or within 300 feet of any residentially occupied structure in any zone of the city:

- (1) The operation of a front-end loader for refuse collection between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (2) The operation of construction machinery between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (3) The operation of garage machinery between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (4) The operation of lawn mowers and other domestic tools out-of-doors between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

*\*City work crews and contractors are exempt from this rule when completing any work in City right-of-ways or easements.*

## Sec. 15-64. - Amplified sound.

(a) It shall be unlawful to:

***(1) Operate or allow the operation of any sound amplification equipment so as to create sounds registering 55 db(A) between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday or between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday or Saturday or 50 db(A) at any other time, as measured anywhere within the boundary line of the nearest residentially occupied property.***

(2) As to multifamily structures including apartments, condominiums, or other residential arrangements where boundary lines cannot readily be determined, operate or allow the operation of any sound amplification equipment so as to create sounds registering 55 db(A) between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday or between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday or Saturday or 50 db(A) at any other time, as measured from any point within the interior of another residential unit in the same complex or within the boundary line of the nearest residentially occupied property. 3

(3) Operate or allow the operation of any sound amplification equipment in the public right-of-way, including streets or sidewalks, or in the public City controlled parks:

- (i) without having actual on-site possession of a permit issued by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department;
- (ii) so as to produce sounds registering more than 75 db(A) ten feet or more from any electromechanical speaker between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday or between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday or Saturday; or
- (iii) at times other than those specified in (ii). Sound amplification equipment operated pursuant to this subsection may not be located more than ten feet off the ground. In addition to the person operating or allowing the operation of sound amplification equipment in violation of this subsection, the person to whom the permit was issued must be present at the location and during the times permitted and shall be liable for any and all violations.

## Sec. 15-68. - Enforcement and penalties.

Where there is a violation of any section of this article, the city, at its discretion, may take one or more of the following enforcement actions:

**(1) The violator may be assessed a \$100.00 civil penalty. For purposes of this subsection, a violation committed after a civil penalty has been assessed shall constitute a separate violation**

**(2) The violator may be charged with a misdemeanor and be subject to any penalty prescribed by section 2-21. 9**

(3) A civil action seeking an injunction and order of abatement may be directed toward any person creating or allowing the creation of any unlawful noise, including the owner or person otherwise having legal or actual control of the premises from which it emanates

## Freedom Division Community Meetings and Events – June 2011

### CMPD Meetings / Events:

#### Monday

**June 6, 2011**

7:00 pm

Coulwood Hills Community Meeting  
Coulwood Clubhouse

#### Monday

**June 13, 2011**

6:30 pm

Freedom Division Advisory Council  
West Service Center  
4150 Wilkinson Bv

### National Night Out 2011

**Tuesday, August 2, 2011**

Don't forget to register your community!

<http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/reg.html>

### Response Area 2 Coordinator Contacts:

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Officer Kip Cupples [ccupples@cmpd.org](mailto:ccupples@cmpd.org)

Coordinator Office: 704-398-6721

Freedom Division Office: 704-398-6731

**Please note, it is usually easier to get in touch with any of our CMPD officers through their email address rather than a phone number.**

### Useful Website Resource:

We all get the dire alerts and warnings from our friends – don't flick your headlights, gang members will shoot at you, get a free laptop for forwarding emails – most are **Complete Fiction!** Emails are a great tool, but these hoaxes tie up server systems, waste time and create unnecessary concern. Use the website [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) to check these out **BEFORE** you send them on!

### Response Area 2 Community Events:

#### US National Whitewater Center

To see the exciting events offered to the community by the USNWC events, go to their website at:

<http://www.usnwc.org/>

#### Key events include:

RiverJam Free Concerts each Thursday

Microbrew Cruises 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

#### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Student Holidays:

**Friday, June 10: Last Day of School**

Do you have an event scheduled in your community for the holidays? Please let me know and I will be happy to include it

