

**Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) - Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 8, 2014**  
**Rockridge Library, College and Manila, Oakland**  
**General Public: 7:00-8:30PM**

**NCPC:**

Frank Castro – Chair  
 Barbara Minton – Vice Chair  
 Molly Singer - Treasurer  
 Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

At 7:10 PM Barbara Minton opened the meeting and the few attendees introduced themselves. Thirteen people attended including 4 OPD officers.

***Beat 12Y PSO Report***

Officer Gunther Lee presented crime statistics for beat 12Y, comparing the period from 1/1/13 – 5/8/13 against 1/1/14 – 5/1/14.

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>Penal Code Section</b>	<b>Jan – early May 2013</b>	<b>Jan. – early May 2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
Auto burglaries	459PC	62	45	-27%
Residential / commercial burglaries	459PC	64	35	-45%
Grand theft	487PC	15	16	+1%
Robberies	211PC	12	15	+20%
Petty theft	484PC	38	23	-39%
Vandalism	594PC	16	19	+16%
Vehicle theft	10851VC (Vehicle Code)	47	31	-47%

Comparing last year to this year, many types of crime have decreased a lot, a few types (robberies and vandalism) have increased. OPD patrols daily, and constantly tries to get video surveillance to identify cars. Video really helps. Officer Lee checked the crime map for robberies – robberies this year are concentrated along the College Ave. corridor. Last year robberies were more spread around the area, not so concentrated in one locale.

*Beat projects:*

*Panhandling, 6200 block of College* – Chris Jackson of the RDA calls OPD often about panhandlers, they send an officer to ask the person to stop. If there are chronic issues with the same person, OPD may request a restraining order or a stay-away order. Panhandling in the area seems to have decreased and Officer Lee will probably close this priority.

A resident noted that there are a couple of new crazies around Cole Coffee.

Officer Lee reminded people, if you see something, call it in. If they get a lot of calls, they get a pattern they can work on.

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Operation Dignity seems more effective this year than last. Several homeless camps have been abated. It takes 2-4 weeks to see results. Call in homeless camps if you see them. Operation Dignity will remove campers and their belongings to a place where they can stay awhile. Some take advantage of services offered, some just move on.

Karen Ivy asked if it was true that PSOs can only work on requests they get through Dispatch. Officer Lee said this is not true; citizens can email the PSO about issues for him to check. (The email address is [communitypolicingbeatNN@oaklandnet.com](mailto:communitypolicingbeatNN@oaklandnet.com), where NN is the beat number.) Call dispatch if you need *immediate* response. (To find out what beat you live in, go to [Find Your Beat](#) and enter your address.)

A resident agreed that the camp at 51<sup>st</sup> and Clarke is abated, but said that she was walking her dog in a park (thinks it was Grove-Shafter Park) near Martin Luther King Jr. Way and saw two tents set up there.

### ***Beat 13X PSO Report***

Many homeless camps are on CalTrans property, and are not strictly speaking OPD's responsibility. Taking down homeless camps is a revolving door, they move back in the next day.

*Ed. Note:* CalTrans has a web site to report problems, from graffiti on freeway signs to homeless camps on freeway property including under overpasses:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/mrssubmit/>.

There are very few robberies in beat 13, but lots of burglaries – 4 residential and 6 auto burglaries last month, 6 residential and 4 auto burglaries this month. They've had 6 stolen cars, not much but it's a very small beat. The most common call OPD gets from beat 13X concerns alarms ringing – which may be false alarms, but could be burglaries. Second most common call concerns suspicious people in the area. This is new, people are helping the police the way they haven't before; this really helps to reduce crime. Property crimes tend to spike in summer when school's out. Beat 13X is isolated.

#### *Projects and priorities:*

*Lake Temescal parking lot* - Last year there were a lot of auto burglaries and auto thefts there, and Officer Trode worked with the park police to flyer the area and encourage people to lock cars and not leave things in them. Patrols were also increased. There have been zero incidents since January. Officer Trode is closing that priority.

*New priority:* the Broadway Terrace / Harwood / Clarewood area (near the Village Market), has 2 schools – Holy Names and St. Theresa's. OPD has had many complaints about the traffic – people speeding, and running stop signs near the schools. OPD will be doing serious traffic enforcement, and writing tickets, in that area.

Q: Do all traffic ticket revenues go to the city?

A: No, the state takes a chunk of the money first. The city gets about 20% of traffic ticket dollars. Officer Trode is mainly concerned about the safety of the school children.

In response to a question on speed bumps, Officer Trode said the city has a speed bump moratorium: if you want them now, you have to pay for them yourself, and get permits. The city decided a few years ago they couldn't afford to do any more. Talk to your council member (Dan Kalb) if you want this to change.

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*Private patrols:* as of last month, OPD still has no statistics on whether the effect is good or not. You're paying OPD to respond to crime, now you're paying another amount per month for an extra set of eyes. They won't enforce, but they'll call for enforcement. They may be a deterrent; are they displacing crime to the next neighborhood? There's no way to tell.

A resident noted that in last month's meeting, Paul Liu from [Safer Rockridge](#) thought there was a statistically significant change in the numbers.

Officer Trode responded that OPD doesn't collect statistics which would match against a patrol for only part of the day.

A resident asked if most burglaries happen during the day.

*Answer:* Yes, and they're in and out very fast. They work when you work.

*Question:* How are things on Officer Steve Toribio's beat (beat 9X)? Is the drop in crime tied to an improving economy? The commute has gotten much worse, there are more cars on the road, maybe more people are working.

*Answer:* A better economy has to help somehow but there's no good way to analyze it. You can chase crime statistics, but it's hard to tell why things change the way they do.

## ***Announcements***

- AC Transit is having meetings to discuss updates to their Title VI Civil Rights and Environmental Justice Policies. The Oakland meeting is Saturday, May 31 from 10:30 a.m. – Noon at the Fruitvale-San Antonio Senior Center, 3301 E. 12th Street. (Spanish and Chinese Translation will be provided)
- East Bay Community Recovery Services has launched [Havens for Heroes](#), providing homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services to veterans in need in Alameda County.
- Don't miss the OPD Open House tomorrow night, May 9 at police headquarters, 7<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.
- Area 2 Public Safety Town Hall Meeting, with Mayor Jean Quan and Police Chief Sean Whent - June 14, 2014 at 10 AM at the North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free childcare provided. Discussions will include strengthening Community Policing, Working with Schools, and Improving Employment Opportunities.

## **NCPC Priorities for May 2014**

Under new OPD rules, each NCPC is allowed a single priority, instead of the previous 3; and new priorities must be *identifiable* and *measurable*. In addition to the NCPC priority, PSOs will work on a single identified *Crime Project* for each beat, and a single identifiable *Call Reduction* project for each beat. The NCPCs will communicate regularly with OPD to be sure we have the latest information.

### **12Y:**

1. *NCPC Priority* (two): (1) panhandling on College between Harwood and Alcatraz, and (2) the homeless encampment at Broadway and 51<sup>st</sup>. We understand that the panhandling situation has been improved and this priority may be removed, and that the homeless encampment is no longer there. OPD is doing high visibility security checks on the area to prevent recurrence.

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2. *Crime Project:* High visibility vehicle patrols on College Avenue between Broadway and Claremont
3. *Call Reduction Project:* to be announced

**13X:**

1. *NCPC Priority:* Traffic violations (speeding, running stop signs) near 2 schools in the Broadway Terrace / Harwood / Clarewood area (near the Village Market)
2. *Crime Project:* Working with merchants in Montclair Village to improve security camera coverage (no project in 13X)
3. *Call Reduction Project:* to be announced

*NCPC meetings are normally the SECOND Thursday of the month.*

*Next NCPC meeting is **Thursday, June 12, 2014** at 7:00 PM  
Rockridge Library Community Room, College & Manila*

*See you there and stay safe!*

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