

**Greater Rockridge NCPC (12Y/13X) - Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2015**  
**Rockridge Library, College & Manila**  
**General Public: 7:30-9:00PM**

**NCPC:**

Michael Ubell – Chair  
Barbara Minton – Vice Chair  
Molly Singer - Treasurer  
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer

Mike Ubell opened the meeting at 7:42 PM. The nine attendees present introduced themselves. Emmett Brady introduced himself as representing the Alert-360 app (a 911 crowdsourcing app), which is under development for OPD. He said he was present to listen, as he's the community liaison.

Beat 12 has a new Community Resource Officer (formerly Problem Solving Officer), Anthony Hutzol, who attended. Officer Jurgen (CRO beat 13) also attended.

***Citizen Input to Priorities***

Chris Jackson, operations manager for the Rockridge District Association, reported that since the *don't-leave-stuff-in-the-car* posters were put up on College Avenue, car break-ins are way down. Flyers are posted in the library parking lot, and all up and down college, including in some merchant windows.

A resident said that CalTrans has cleaned up a homeless camp but there's still some activity between Keith and Miles on Presley. One of the fences on the freeway edge on the Miles side is compromised.

Officer Jurgen reported that OPD's auto burglary project is educating the community and passing out flyers. Officer Hutzol reported that car burglaries are way down in beat 12X since the mobile command post was stationed there. OPD will try to park the mobile command post near Rockridge BART station in the next week or so.

***OPD Reports beat 12Y***

Officer Hutzol reported that auto burglaries are about the same as they were last month for the beat. From last year, residential burglaries are up 58%. Robberies are way down. Crime numbers in 12Y are not troubling; they're much lower than the rest of Area 2. Vehicle theft and burglary problems have been focused in the new Safeway area: 70% of car burglaries were in 6300 College block, that's where the stuff is. The new Safeway lot is a hotspot for both auto burglaries and vehicle theft.

| <b><i>Crimes, Beat 12Y</i></b>     | <b><i>Latest month</i></b> | <b><i>This period last year</i></b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Robberies                          | 0                          | 2                                   |
| Auto burglaries                    | 13                         | 15                                  |
| Stolen vehicles                    | 3                          | 2                                   |
| Residential/ Commercial burglaries | 15                         | 7                                   |

People are not reporting all the auto burglaries. A resident asked if he could report his neighbor's auto burglary, if the neighbor didn't want to. Officer Hutzol said no, they can only take the report if the car *owner* reports the problem.

Parking patterns on Claremont have changed due to the new store, parking is metered. Merchants and blood bank users must park farther away.

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***OPD Reports beat 13X***

Officer Jurgen reported that crime in 13X hasn't changed much since this period last year. Of the residential burglaries, one happened because a door was left unlocked; the other was an unsuccessful attempt.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Robberies                          | 0                          | 1                                   |
| Auto burglaries                    | 1                          | 2                                   |
| Stolen vehicles                    | 2                          | 2                                   |
| Residential/ Commercial burglaries | 2                          | 0                                   |

***Neighborhood issues***

A resident reported someone living in a travel trailer attached to Ford Explorer. Officer Hutzol explained that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit court has ruled officers can't do a "lawful detain" stop for someone living in a car, as long as the vehicle doesn't stay parked more than 72 hours. The best they can do is a "consensual detain" (where the person agrees to talk to them), they have no authority to ask them to move. It doesn't matter if it's parked in a residential or a commercial area. The police have to use other methods to act on the situation.

Q: is there a pattern in residential burglaries?

A: No, it's like a shotgun, all over. OPD encourages residents to install cameras and lighting. The same few guys do most of the burglaries. A clear photo can allow the experienced investigators to identify repeat offenders.

Mike Ubell noted that there are no new issues; the police are already working on the known problems. There will be no change in NCPC priorities.

Chris Jackson of RDA reported that Shane Powell is back in the area. Chris is trying to get a stay-away order on him. Officer Hutzol reported that the DA's office is not interested in a criminal prosecution on Shane; they don't believe they can prove criminal intent. All you can do is try to get him housing again, but he doesn't want the help. We have no solution for this situation. Chris Jackson reports that his behavior is really bad, we have to do something civil. Officer Hutzol said he can't do a single district wide stay-away; he has to talk to each merchant separately and get separate signatures. They agreed to work on it together.

Q: What about Laura's Law? Karen Ivy reported that Alameda County never passed it. Tell your supervisor we want it passed. The North Oakland county supervisor is Keith Carson.

***Announcement***

Public safety includes disaster preparedness. A resident reported that Oakland CORE has a major training event scheduled for Saturday 4/25. They will run multiple scenarios at the OFD training yard on how to cope with earthquake situations. This offers CORE training without having to collect a local group. Here is a link to the flyer for the April 25 event: <http://tinyurl.com/l79nh5s>

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***NCPC Priorities for April 2015***

Under new OPD rules, each beat is allowed a single priority, instead of the previous 3; and new priorities must be *identifiable* and *measurable*. PSOs will also work on a *Crime project* and *from time to time (?)* a *Call reduction project* for the beat. Remember that 12Y and 13X are only part of beats 12 and 13.

**12Y:**

1. *NCPC Priority*: No current priority.
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*: Speeding auto traffic up and down Lawton above Broadway.
2. *Crime Project*: none at present.
3. *Call Reduction Project*: to be announced

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

Next NCPC meeting is **Thursday, May 14, 2015** at 7:30 PM  
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*See you there and stay safe!*

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