

**Greater Rockridge  
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (12Y/13X) – Minutes  
Thursday, August 11, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
General Public: 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC):**

Michael Ubell – Chair  
Jon Travis –Vice Chair  
Eric Neville - Treasurer  
Karen Ivy – Secretary & Information Officer  
Officer Meeran Gichki – Community Resource Officer, beat 12Y  
Officer Silvestre Triana - Community Resource Officer, beat 13X

**Introductions**

Captain Robert Rosin and Sergeant Alain Manguy logged in at 7:00 PM. Sergeant Manguy said that Area 2 now has only 2 CROs, and that the Captain would explain.

Carolyn Burgess from the North Hills Council logged in and talked to Captain Rosin about the logs along Grizzly Peak, which were put there to discourage parking and bonfires over July 4. People are pushing them off the hill even though they’re chained together. This just began in the last couple of days.

Captain Rosin said he would investigate it.

When Mike Ubell officially started the meeting at 7:05 PM there were 7 people in the meeting: 3 NCPC officers (Jon Travis didn’t attend), the 2 OPD officers, Carolyn Burgess from the North Hills Council, and Paula Hawthorn. Mike Ubell suggested that introductions weren’t needed since everyone was acquainted. No further attendees logged in.

**OPD Reports**

The CROs couldn’t attend the meeting, they are still on patrol duty. Mike Ubell asked if we wanted to review the crime stats. Karen Ivy read the statistics for 12Y sent to her by Sergeant Manguy, which are below.

<i>Crime Stats beat 12Y</i>	06/12/21 – 08/11/21	06/12/22 – 08/11/22
Assault with Deadly Weapon (Firearm)	04	00
Robbery/Carjacking – A & SA	01	01
Shootings neg manner with buildings or vehicles struck	00	00
Burglary residential/commercial	05	09
Auto Burglary	22	23
Grand Theft	05	01
Petty Theft	14	11
Battery	11	01

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The sergeant apologized for only sending data for 12Y, Karen Ivy said it was fine to send her the 13X stats the next day. [Ed. Note: see below for the 13X crime statistics, received after the meeting.]

<i>Crime Stats beat 13X</i>	06/17/21 – 08/16/21	06/17/22 – 08/16/22
Assault with Deadly Weapon (Firearm)	00	00
Robbery/Carjacking – A & SA	00	01
Shootings neg manner with buildings or vehicles struck	00	00
Burglary residential/commercial	05	04
Auto Burglary	11	00
Grand Theft	02	00
Petty Theft	03	02
Battery	00	00

*Karen Ivy:* Sergeant Manguy, do you know about the problem with crime statistics that I've been having?

*Sergeant Manguy:* No, I don't.

*Karen Ivy:* There's some kind of delay in posting data to the crime feed. If I pull the data on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, for a given month, the number of crime reports I see is less than half what I will see if I wait and pull the data in another month. I've been doing each month twice, with a revised full report the second month.

*Captain Rosin:* I'm going to work on that, I have some people in mind. It looks like an ambiguous source, there's likely to be a lot of finger pointing.

*Karen Ivy:* I want to compare the data I'm getting with what Sergeant Manguy is getting from his data feed.

*Captain Rosin:* If you look at the 23 auto burglaries, that can't be right. This probably doesn't apply to crimes against the person, but as property crimes increase, people's tolerance for them goes up and they don't report them. I spoke with Chris Jackson (of Rockridge District Association) at the Mayor's town hall last night, and he feels that nobody is reporting these crimes to the police. They get tired of the same police response, which I'll talk about later. You get a false set of facts. As for property crimes, there are probably more than are represented in the data. I'll take questions later, dialog is important.

*Mike Ubell:* I think it might be your turn.

## **Area 2 Police Captain Robert Rosin**

Captain Rosin announced some good news. There was a homicide found on Grizzly Peak earlier this year, and that homicide stat has been removed from beat 13 statistics, because the murder didn't happen on Grizzly Peak,

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or anywhere in Oakland. A multi-agency investigation found that the murder happened in Concord and the victim was dumped on Grizzly Peak. People felt very uneasy about that, but the murder didn't happen here; the suspect has confessed. This hasn't been officially announced yet. Sticking with Grizzly Peak - the July 4 operation was a major success, they closed off the areas on July 3 and had the longest sustained closure in some time. No dangerous fires were started, that's huge win.

Serious and violent crime is down in Area 2. Area 2 has had no murders this year to date, this time last year we had 3. Chief Armstrong has redeployed patrol resources – they took the 5 police areas and broke them up into 6, so now each police area has 6 police beats. This was to provide more resources to areas in east Oakland that get the most calls. On any given evening OPD gets 150-200 calls, over 80% of which are in East Oakland (now police Area 6). Area 2 lost beat 14, which is now assigned to police Area 3 near Lake Merritt. This has reduced some of the crime stats in area 2. Last year we had an assault at a barbershop on College Ave., in 12Y. We've had fewer shooting crimes in Area 2 this year after the reconfiguration, and that's a huge win, I'm proud to share that.

We have a small uptick in robberies, about 11% over last year. That's largely due to several crews of juveniles – not just kids under 18, but under 14 and 15 years old – which have been responsible for multiple robberies around area 2. One crew of 5-6 juveniles in a stolen car robbed 8 people in beats 10, 11, and 12 on a Saturday afternoon. Juvenile robbers are a new problem – are adult criminals using the juveniles to do the dirty work, because of laws passed in California? Some judges in Alameda County don't want to give harsh consequences to juveniles; I've seen it firsthand, and we've had to do a lot of coordination to try to cope with juvenile re-offenders.

We don't have enough staff to replace CROs as they leave the areas. We started this year with 4 CROs in area 2, leaving 2 beats with no CRO. Sergeant Manguy has done his best to cope, but since then, 1 CRO has been reassigned, one just left OPD. We have 658 sworn officers right now, not including those on modified duty or those who can't work the street. We have around 600 people who can work on the street in uniform. We have limited capacity to handle 911 calls. For patrol, we try to handle critical incidents and manage de-escalation, but those things take time. If you call for something less serious while a critical incident is going on, you have to wait. We know our response times are unacceptable. It's hard to attend community meetings and answer questions about it.

The city is giving us good funding to hire new people, but this is a challenging time to hire police officers. I'm proud of Oakland, I think we're light-years ahead of other organizations, and I hope people will come here and stay.

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As we can cover more beats, we hope to improve. The CROs aren't disbanded, they're on loan to patrol for the foreseeable future. I'll take questions.

*Mike Ubell:* What's the attrition rate versus the flow of new officers in academies? Is there a target number? Do they have projections?

*Captain Rosin:* They hope to exceed 680 officers. Attrition is outrunning hiring, there are at least 2-3 retirees for each hire. They have a good new contract. The chief has a good new video that they hope will sustain new hiring. We'd like people to stay longer. But there's no way to know. The chief has made it a priority to hire the right people. Anything else from the group about staffing or CROs?

*Carolyn Burgess:* Can they give current staff any more support, in terms of talking to people, or therapy? I've talked to retired police at oral boards I attended, and they've said they'd like to have gone to more therapy after dangerous events.

*Captain Rosin:* I try to ensure that my people feel valued, that's very important. They don't take these jobs to get rich, it's the love of helping people. As to critical incidents and stress, they have a robust support team. This isn't the case everywhere. I just returned from a 3-week police management training at Boston University, and OPD is well ahead of the game in terms of officer mental health support.

*Sergeant Manguy:* There was a hit and run incident where a woman and child were killed. The two responding officers were extremely distressed, both had children. They got really good immediate support and were able to discuss the situation.

*Carolyn Burgess:* Do they get additional follow-up later? How about a month later?

*Captain Rosin:* We're better at triage than we are at later follow-up, but we're trying to improve. We're concerned about the wellness of our staff. We'd like to work with citizens to try to recognize officers who perform well, put a recommendation on the web site, announce awards, etc. We need to help our team feel valued; that's what the younger generation wants, to feel valued in their job and by the people they serve.

*Mike Ubell:* We used to have citizen recognition ceremonies for outstanding officers, can we bring that back? Put that on the agenda for a captain's meeting. Most of the area team chairs agree with this.

*Captain Rosin:* that's a great idea, I'd love to bring that back. I'll work on that with you.

*Carolyn Burgess:* I think COVID killed those ceremonies but it's a great idea. I'll write to OakChairs and see if David Platt can get that going.

*Mike Ubell:* Is there any information about the recent incident when a car drove into the Pavé jewelry store?

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*Captain Rosin:* Yes, I looked at that report before the meeting. I didn't have a chance to check the response time on that. This is a trend that's become too common. We were in the news recently when a cannabis dispensary was burglarized, it took OPD 5-6 hour to respond to the burglary. The news story didn't say that there were 2 murders in downtown Oakland that same night, there was a huge crime scene stretching multiple city blocks. OPD just didn't have the resources in a perfect storm. I mentioned this last night at the Mayor's town hall. Also, we recently had a police involved shooting, one of the few in recent years, really dangerous, on Ocean View (beat 12Y). And within an hour or so, as OPD worked on that incident, an armed caravan went out and looted the town, they overran the city; I was called back at 3 AM to help patrol. When the police are busy, people commit these brazen crimes, ramming gates to new apartment complexes, committing huge numbers of burglaries.

*Mike Ubell:* What was the follow-up on Pavé break-in? Was anyone arrested? Did they get anything? That store has been burgled before.

*Captain Rosin:* There have been no arrests on that, it's outstanding. There's no evidence that the burglars got anything, the store puts everything away at night.

*Sergeant Manguy:* There were a lot of calls for service at that time, including one specific call holding up all resources. There was no video accessible to the officer. The security guard was angry because we were slow responding and refused to talk to police. This is a running theme with business burglaries. We're not recovering videos, the local guard doesn't have access to them. Only a 3<sup>rd</sup> party has access; and they don't get back to our requests. We have a new evidence system called Axon, where you can just provide a link and the victim can use it to upload the video, but it doesn't guarantee they'll upload anything.

*Karen Ivy:* I'd like to say one thing about the data feed. Chris Jackson feels that people are just not reporting some crimes, he's said that in earlier meetings. But the more I work with the data, the more it looks like the data is being reported, but it isn't getting into the data system in a timely manner. To get what looks like a full month's data, I have to wait an extra month to download the feed. I appreciate Captain Rosin looking into this. If anyone wants to see my data let me know; I know what a normal month's data looks like, I'm only seeing it a month late.

*Carolyn Burgess:* Getting back to reports on, say, stolen cars: a friend of mine couldn't report a stolen U-Haul truck related to her move. The non-emergency line kept her on hold for over 1 hour, 2 days in a row, and she gave up. We used to have non-sworn technicians who could come out and take reports, can we still use those? Can we get more of them? Or can only sworn officers do that?

*Captain Rosin:* We have them, they're called Police Service Technicians. They work during the day, and up to 10 PM. That's their city contract. They're mainly used for video recovery, but also for non-emergency related

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assignments. When there's a major critical incident – and I hate to say those are up – we use them for non-emergency jobs like traffic control or towing cars. On first Fridays, *everybody* works including all the Police Service Technicians. I think that job class has been opened by the city for more hiring. We're trying.

*Carolyn Burgess:* Where are these jobs posted? Should we post them elsewhere? There are people out there looking for jobs, but are they looking at the city web site? Are these postings on the city web site? Is this a union thing?

*Paula Hawthorn:* The Oakland city administration does a bad job of recruiting people generally. Non-sworn police openings sit for ages, they can't fill them. I did a meet-and-greet for a mayoral candidate whom I think could help this, I'd be happy to discuss that offline, it doesn't belong in this meeting. But the recruiting for non-sworn technicians isn't done in OPD, it's in the city administration, and it's a real problem. And nobody wants to talk about it.

*Mike Ubell:* If no other questions, thank you all. We're sorry about the small audience.

*Captain Rosin:* We appreciate you holding us accountable, we appreciate the ability to talk directly to citizens, even in a small meeting. He's now officially the Area 2 Captain, no longer Acting.

## **Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priorities for August 2022**

### **Beat 12Y:**

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* Car break-ins on College Ave., especially in the library parking lot.

### **Beat 13X:**

1. *Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Priority:* No current priority.

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are normally the SECOND Thursday of even-numbered months.  
Next meeting **Thursday, October 13, 2022** at 7:00 PM  
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