



**CITY OF OAKLAND
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

Agenda

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

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Persons addressing the Community Policing Advisory Board shall state their names
and the organization they are representing, if any.***

1. Open Forum (6:00-6:10pm)
2. Update on Neighborhood Pop-ups (6:10 -6:25pm)
Attachment #1 (Sample Pop-up Flyer)
3. OPD Reports (6:25pm – 6:55pm)
4. NSC Reports (6:55pm – 7:25pm)
5. Ad-Hoc Committees (7:25pm – 8:05pm)
 - a. Establishing an Ad-hoc Committee on the Re-draft of the Resolution
 - b. Reconvening Training Ad-Hoc Committee (Attachment #2 - SEEDS Training Proposal)
 - c. Reconvening NC Certification Ad-Hoc Committee
6. CPAB Member Open Discussion (8:05pm – 8:20pm)
7. Agenda Building (8:20pm – 8:30pm)



Oakland Community Policing Advisory Board

Neighborhood Pop-Ups

Hyperlocal community gatherings on a block by block basis. Food and drinks provided. Get to know your neighbors and fellow community members!



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For Questions Contact:
Creighton Davis, CPAB Chair
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OPD Monthly Report

In an effort to ensure more effective data-gathering and more efficient use of CPAB meeting time, the CPAB has created a process by which you will submit, on a monthly basis, updates from your community policing projects and strategies. These updates will be reviewed and discussed by the CPAB and will offer an avenue for more targeted and efficient dialogue. Please submit your responses to the questions below.

- 1) Officer Meeran Gichki, Police Area 2 Community Resource Unit
- 2) **Relevant OPD Crime Statistics with Explanation**

Year-to-date crime statistics for the entire city are provided with this report. So far, 2022 has produced a decrease in the types of serious crime and violence which were the most elevated, damaging, and harmful to public safety in 2020 and 2021.

Crime statistics gathered by OPD crime analysts indicate that from 01 Sep 20 – 31 DEC 20, there were a total of one hundred and fourteen (114) incidents of thefts and robberies at all seven (7) Walgreens stores located in the City of Oakland. This was an uncommon wave of organized retail theft in our City. However, this was not an isolated occurrence limited to the City of Oakland. During September of 2020, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office crime suppression unit along with CHP's organized retail crime task force, CHP cargo theft interdiction team, CHP Contra-Costa County along with CVS organized retail crime investigators concluded an investigation culminating in the arrests of multiple suspects involved in organized retail theft in the Bay Area. On September 30th, sixteen (16) search warrants were executed which included two (2) distribution warehouses and eleven (11) storage units. Over \$8 million worth of stolen property was recovered and around \$85,000 in US currency.

This gives us a glimpse of how organized retail theft functions in the Bay Area. Even if needed resources are added to OPD, it is currently an unachievable goal to completely eradicate organized retail theft from our city. However, with focused problem-solving and collaboration, OPD worked closely with Walgreens and other invested stakeholders in providing an environment where employees feel safe, neighborhoods are bettered, crime and associated violence are prevented, and community members maintain a safe and accessible place to shop.

Walgreens' management observed a noticeable difference just to have a marked OPD vehicle parked in the parking lot. This was received positively and management at 3400 Telegraph Ave asked for more resources. However, they also understood that it was unreasonable to expect the beat officer or a marked patrol vehicle be present at the store at all times. Hence they reached out to the OPD Special Events Unit.

Walgreens was in contact with the OPD Special Events Unit prior to this project. However, after seeing a decline in shoplifting, robberies and other incidents with the presence of marked police vehicles, WALGREENS decided to staff a few of its stores with OPD officers on overtime.

After 18 JAN 21 with OPD staffing by Walgreens, the incidents at the stores dropped considerably. There were only 44 incidents reported at all Walgreens stores during a period of four months between 18 JAN 21- 18 MAY 21, a reported 44 percent decrease than the previous four month prior to staffing, and a 61% decrease from the originally assessed 4-month period.

3) Community Policing Projects and Updates

Walgreens Stores targeted by organized retail theft.

The project was opened on 20 SEP 20 when the store manager for Walgreens located at 3400 Telegraph Ave reached out with several issues facing the store. The primary complaint by the store manager was a homeless encampment located at the rear of the store, at 34th St & Elm St which is CALTRANS property. Per management, the presence of the encampment, parked RVs/vehicles, dumping of debris from the encampment increased blight in the area and made the employees and customers (especially drive-through customers) feel unsafe. The hypothesis was that increasing incidents of thefts at the store were correlating with related encampment circumstances.

During a meeting with Walgreens management, I was informed that the incidents usually occur during the hours of noon - 6 p.m. The incidents usually start out as shoplifting, where people grab items and walk right out the store without paying. Due to the prolific nature of the incidents, sometimes, store employees or the security confronted the suspects which turned shoplifting cases into *Estes* robberies.

Estes robberies are defined by California case law, *People v. Estes*. They are offenses where a suspect unlawfully takes or shoplifts merchandise from a store, is then approached by an employee or a security officer, and the suspect uses force or threat of force to get away from the employee or security guard's challenge or attempt to lawfully detain. This is reported as a robbery rather than a theft; *Estes*

A follow-up investigation to the incidents of theft revealed that most offenders were repeat and matched more of an organized retail theft pattern. During most of the incident, the perpetrators fled in vehicles with altered license plates or no license plates at all. Additionally, another Walgreens store located at 5055 Telegraph Ave, within Area 2, had similar issues regarding increased incidents of shoplifting and robberies. An inquiry regarding crime trends in other Walgreens stores located in Oakland revealed that all stores had the same issue with rising number of thefts. This revealed that the incidents for the store located at 3400 Telegraph were not solely associated to unhoused encampment circumstances, but to a bigger and more organized level of criminal enterprise.

This project also reveals how the scope of a SARA project may change overtime. A project that was initially believed to be linked to one (1) single unhoused encampment morphed into something unexpected and much bigger.

During this project, I reached out to patrol officers and requested them to conduct security checks to show police presence to thwart incidents of robberies and shoplifting. Between Sep 2020 – Jan 2021 around eighty-eight (88) security checks were conducted at 3400 Telegraph Ave. These security checks were well received by Walgreens management and employees. However, due to limited resources, it was not feasible to conduct security checks and police presence at these stores all the times.

Brainstorming ideas amongst ourselves, we elected to park a fully marked OPD vehicle at the parking lot of 3400 Telegraph Ave at the start of our shift and brought it back at the end of the shift. This method was used to make shoplifters believe that OPD was present at this location. This worked as a deterrent in reducing the number of incidents of shoplifting. However, it was not before long when people in the neighborhood figured out that this was a dummy vehicle parked to deter incidents of shoplifting, thefts and robberies.

As mentioned earlier, with the noticeable decrease of incidents while police officers or police vehicles were present at Walgreens stores, Walgreens management got in touch with the OPD Special Events Unit to ask for staffing stores with overtime positions which came into effect on 18 JAN 21. The staffing is financed by Walgreens corporate and does not come out of the City of Oakland coffers. Officers staff those positions on a voluntary basis working on their days off.

During October 2020, I sent out beat priority emails to patrol sergeants asking beat officers to conduct security checks when officers are free. Although incidents of theft still occurred during the month of October, they wouldn't occur while officers were present at the store. This was ongoing into the year 2021.

On 12 DEC 20, we had a Zoom meeting along with Lt. R Rosin, NSC Angela Moore, Walgreens store manager Alfred Chu, Jose Barreto asset protection manager for ALTO. During this meeting, various measures to curb the incidents of shoplifting and theft were discussed. More collaboration between the asset protection manager and OPD were discussed. Steps on being a good witness and helping DA to charge cases.

On 18 MAY 21, we had a meeting of CROs along with Sgt Manguy and OPD crime analyst Svetlana Gubin. Per crime trends presented by Ms Gubin, incidents of robbery and thefts were down considerably after OPD staffing at Walgreens stores. Ms Gubin shared with us graphs and charts that supported that assertion.

On 03 JUN 21, we scheduled a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) walk-through. Brian Cassidy from Neighborhood Services Division accompanied by CRO2 officers met with Walgreens employees, Marcos Rodriguez (ALTO) and Jose Barreto (manager asset protection services). Mr. Cassidy conducted an evaluation of the security measures of the store and presented his recommendations to Walgreens.

09 JUN 21, a meeting was held between Walgreens executives, Deputy Chief Bolton, Sgt Ladd, Sgt Bufford, CRO2 officers, Brian Cassidy, Svetlana Gubin, Jose Barreto, ALTO executive team: Karl Langhorst, Stefanie Hoover, Sofia Rosende, Marcos Rodriguez and store managers. Some of the challenges facing the Walgreens stores in the city were discussed. ALTO members

gave a breakdown of their follow-up procedure regarding charging suspects. We also discussed the need for more collaboration between OPD and ALTO regarding identifying suspects they have in their database. OPD provided the crime stats and the level of violent crime going down almost 88 percent at some store locations and down 66 percent citywide. Walgreens store shared some of their data with 95 percent reduction in the store at 3400 Telegraph Ave. With the OPD staffing at Walgreens stores, which they call 'Operation Murphy' (named after fictional character from the movie Robocop, Alex Murphy) crime at the Walgreens stores went down considerably.

In conclusion of this meeting I asked Sgt Manguy to close this project and deem it a successful SARA project brought to a favorable conclusion with the collaborative efforts of the community, businesses, other entities of the Oakland Police Department.

4) Please provide data on the number of non-emergency 911 calls that were successfully diverted to community partners or alternative first responders.

Alternatives and calls to MACRO are not in place yet.

5) Please indicate areas in which the CPAB can support, and engage NCPCs and block level ambassadors in supporting, community policing strategies and initiatives.

Community police officers engage with community members in NCPC meetings monthly. During these meetings, CROs give a beat health report with general crime trends in the neighborhood. The interaction with the public is usually healthy and constructive. However, sometimes there are members who are skeptical in police strategies. CPAB can be helpful in being in touch with the community resource officers and attending these meetings where they can interact with the public and explain to them the benefits of community policing.

6) Please feel free to share any other updates, areas of progress, concerns or Complaints

Continued staffing challenges with OPD has reduced the number of CROs in district 2 from seven to three. While officers are pulled out of their regular CRO functions to supplement patrol, officers will have difficulties in maintaining their high level of police services as CROs.



Weekly Crime Report — Citywide

14 Feb. – 20 Feb., 2022

Part 1 Crimes <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	Weekly Total	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2022	YTD % Change 2021 vs. 2022	3-Year YTD Average	YTD 2022 vs. 3-Year YTD Average
Violent Crime Index (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	86	875	949	829	-13%	884	-6%
Homicide – 187(a)PC	2	3	15	13	-13%	10	26%
Homicide – All Other *	-	-	3	1	-67%	1	-25%
Subtotal - 187(a)PC + all other	2	3	18	14	-22%	12	20%
Aggravated Assault	39	396	479	395	-18%	423	-7%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	5	43	85	65	-24%	64	1%
Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault	7	46	103	79	-23%	76	4%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	3	44	94	50	-47%	63	-20%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	5	18	47	28	-40%	31	-10%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	26	291	253	252	0%	265	-5%
Rape	4	45	17	21	24%	28	-24%
Robbery	41	431	438	400	-9%	423	-5%
Firearm	13	136	182	200	10%	173	16%
Knife	-	38	23	5	-78%	22	-77%
Strong-arm	15	197	144	95	-34%	145	-35%
Other dangerous weapon	1	14	15	9	-40%	13	-29%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	1	18	18	10	-44%	15	-35%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	11	28	56	81	45%	55	47%
Burglary	29	2,372	987	1,112	13%	1,490	-25%
Auto	12	2,018	762	843	11%	1,208	-30%
Residential	6	239	126	99	-21%	155	-36%
Commercial	6	90	62	76	23%	76	0%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	1	24	28	7	-75%	20	-64%
Unknown	4	1	9	87	867%	32	169%
Motor Vehicle Theft	147	1,088	1,211	1,253	3%	1,184	6%
Larceny	42	1,167	755	625	-17%	849	-26%
Arson	3	20	31	25	-19%	25	-1%
Total	307	5,522	3,936	3,845	-2%	4,434	-13%

THIS REPORT IS HIERARCHY BASED. CRIME TOTALS REFLECT ONE OFFENSE (THE MOST SEVERE) PER INCIDENT.

These statistics are drawn from the Oakland Police Dept. database. They are unaudited and not used to figure the crime numbers reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. This report is run by the date the crimes occurred. Statistics can be affected by late reporting, the geocoding process, or the reclassification or unbounding of crimes. Because crime reporting and data entry can run behind, all crimes may not be recorded.

* Justified, accidental, foetal, or manslaughter by negligence. Traffic collision fatalities are not included in this report.
 PNC = Percentage not calculated — [Percentage cannot be calculated.](#)
 All data extracted via Coplink Analytics.



Memo

March 2, 2022

To: Community Policing Advisory Board

From: Araina Richards and Angela Moore
Acting Neighborhood Services Supervisors
Neighborhood Services Division

cc: Joe DeVries, Director, Interdepartmental Operations
Neighborhood Service Coordinators (NSCs)
NSD, Police Service Technicians (PSTs)

Subject: Monthly report from NSD

Successful Community Partnership

- In Beat 25X, the NC donated some carts to the High Street clean up group.
- In Beat 4X, they just completed a NC meeting with the merchants on 17th Street regarding an ABAT project update.
- In Beat 6X Hoover-Durant, NSCs and PST partnered with Community Resource Officer (CRO) Fiorino to do a walk through in 6X & 7X to identify priorities in both communities.
- In Beat 6X Hoover-Durant, NSC partnered with OPD to remove abandoned vehicles.
- In Beat 6X Hoover-Durant, NSC coordinated a meeting with OPD, EMT, and the Mayor's office at the intersection of West Grand & San Pablo regarding drug dealing and prostitution.
- In Beat 29, NSC, CROs and residents are working together to alleviate illegal activity at a residence on Fleming Ave.
- In Council Districts 6 & 7 Neighborhood Councils along the Bancroft Corridor are all working together to organize a clean-up effort and BBQ for March 19th.
- Beat 31X/Y NC has been working with DOT to bring more awareness and solutions to ongoing school traffic safety challenges in Sobrante Park.
- Beat 33X/34X Elmhurst Library is a long-standing NC partner.

- In Beat 26XY, an OUSD middle school is partnering with a nearby church to plan an Earth Day event with support from Neighborhood Services, the Oakland Police Department, Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful, and Adopt-a-Spot.
- NEST partners continue to plan outreach and engagement efforts.

Beats with challenging projects

- Beat 10X has compounding delivery trucks from Suprema Meats & Cloud Kitchen making noise and taking up residential parking.
- In Beat 19X they are not getting prostitution signs. Original email to Public Works indicated that they could print up sign but now they need to wait for approval. The process has been longer than expected. Community members are anxiously waiting for the signs to go up.
- In Beat 6X Hoover-Durant, continues to have drug dealing and prostitution around the intersection of West Grand & San Pablo.
- In Beat 6X Hoover-Durant, community on Brockhurst and San Pablo Ave., seniors feel unsafe due to drug dealing and threats of violence. It is also unsafe for the seniors to cross the street on San Pablo Ave. to catch the bus.
- In Beat 24Y, residents have identified an unsheltered individual living on Octavia who is a nuisance to the residents on the block.
- In Beat 32Y, residents on the MacArthur Corridor continue to complain about abandoned vehicles.
- In Beat 30Y, the NC partnered with an OUSD school and DoT to have a mural painted on the ground as a part of Paint-the-Town grant program. A new challenge has developed as the school could possibly be closed by the school district.

Community Priority (Complete or in progress)

- Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee members reconvened for the first time since the pandemic hit in March 2020. (On going/In progress)
- In beat 7X, awaiting an update on a neighborhood Domestic Violence case for Linden Street from District Attorney Kim Hunter. (In progress)
- In Beat 2X/5X, Acorn & Oak Center, NSC is working on reorganizing the NC by identifying residents to participate on the NC steering committee. (In progress)
- In Beat 23X the Alameda/High Street encampment has been an issue for the community.

- In Beat 30X, addressing issues related to homelessness on the 6700 and 6800 block of Foothill is a priority. (In progress)

NSD/PST Block Level Update

- Completed 6 CPTED reports to include various areas in the City.
- Hosted an Active Shooter presentation at the Asian Branch Library.
- Hosted an Active Shooter presentation with the 10X NC.
- Set the Zoom and attended the reconvening of the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee.
- Scheduled a 1X Neighborhood Watch Presentation.
- Continue to assist Neighborhood Services Coordinators with Neighborhood Council meetings via Zoom.
- Completed an extensive CPTED conversation with NC Chair of 27Y around camera effectiveness.
- Maintain the Neighborhood Services Division's vehicle fleet.