



# CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ON THE BEAT

RESPONSE AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2009



Greetings,

Welcome to the Response Area 2 monthly community letter. You are receiving this issue because you've signed up for "notify me" for the Metro Division. Please check the Metro Response Area map at [www.cmpd.org/Patrol](http://www.cmpd.org/Patrol) to see which area you're in. If you're not in area 2, contact either Sergeant Tammy Hatley, RA 3 or Sergeant Rick Korenich RA 1 to sign up for that area's letter.

I'll be sending a letter monthly – by email to residents and businesses in the Metro Division RA 2. Ask your neighbors to contact me – [rcochran@cmpd.org](mailto:rcochran@cmpd.org), their Response Area Commander or the Metro Division office at 704.336.8300, if they'd like to get on board.

First, I'd like to introduce myself to you. I've been the Response Area 2 Commander since September 2008 when Chief Monroe introduced his crime fighting strategy. I've been with CMPD for 19 years and graduated with the 101<sup>st</sup> Recruit Class in May 1990. My first assignment was in the Metro Division, and I've basically been here every since. I have devoted my entire career to this area of the city and while the Division name has changed from Charlie-1, David-2 to Metro, I have been fortunate to remain.

I look forward to getting to know more of you as we partner together to fight crime in our communities.

Best regards,

*Sergeant Spencer Cochran*



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Response Area boundaries and hotspots...

## Crime stats for the month of April Summary

Incident Type	Frequency
Larceny from Auto	31
Larceny-Other	19
Residential Burglary	15
Auto Theft	10
Commercial Burglary	8
Armed Robbery	5
Aggravated Assault-Gun	3
Aggravated Assault-Other Weapon	3
Arson	2
Larceny from Building	2
Larceny-Shoplifting	2
Strong Arm Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault-Knife	1
Larceny-Pocket Picking	1
Rape	1
Total	105
Incident Type	Frequency

In April 2009 Metro Division Response Area Two investigated 105 Part One index crimes. A part one offense is considered a serious crime, most often a felony, but some serious misdemeanors like assaults and larceny are included. All the crimes listed in the above table are part one index crimes.

The most common reported crime in Response Area Two is Larceny from Auto. This category includes Breaking and Entering into a vehicle, parts being removed from the vehicle. The removal of tires, rims and license plates are also included in this criminal offense.

The neighborhoods reporting more than three part one index events are: Smallwood / Biddleville Area, Lincoln Heights Community, Washington Heights Community and University Park Area. The communities that reported three or less part one index events include the following: Garden Park, Northwood Estates, Oakview Terrace, Dalebrook Community, University Park North, and Seversville Community.

When comparing April 2009 to April 2008 statistics, Residential burglaries indicate a 5.88% decrease from 17 incidents to 16, Auto thefts at a 47.62% decrease from 21 incidents to 11, Commercial Burglaries at a increase of 60% from 5 incidents to 8, and Strong Arm Robbery increased 100% from 1 incident to 2 and Armed Robbery showed a 42.86% decrease from 7 incidents to 4. Larceny from Auto statistics indicated an increase of 15.38% from 26 incidents to 30. Aggravated Assault-Gun indicated a 62.50% decrease from 8 incidents to 3.

## Information shared from Wellness Works.....City of Charlotte

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) there are currently 403 confirmed cases of swine flu in the US, with 1 confirmed case in NC. Influenza spreads mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. Sometimes germs also can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person or a surface like a desk and then touches his or her own eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands. There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu.

### Everyday actions you can take to stay healthy

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.
- When available, wash your hands -- with soap and warm water -- then rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for 15 to 20 seconds. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs. If you shake hands, remember to wash your hands.
- When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel is dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in it kills the germs on your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs can live on surfaces such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, phones, desks, tools, equipment, break room appliances and tables. Wash hands after touching shared surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with sick people (keep at least a 3-6 foot distance).
- Remind children to practice healthy habits too, because germs spread, especially at school.
- Educate yourself about the current swine flu situation through reputable sources such as the CDC and local Health Department.

### Not feeling well, stay home

When you are sick or have flu symptoms, **stay home from work**, limit contact with others, get plenty of rest, and check with a health care provider as needed. Keeping your distance from others may protect them from getting sick. Common symptoms of the flu include:

- fever
- headache
- extreme tiredness
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle aches, and
- nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea (much more common among children than adults)

### Other Notes

- There is no evidence to show that swine influenza can be transmitted through food. Eating properly handled and cooked pork and pork products are safe. Cooking pork to an internal temperature of 160°F kills bacteria and viruses.
- The CDC is not recommending the use of face masks by the general public.



## Resources

Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu> or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

Swine Flu and You Q&A Tip Sheet [http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu\\_you.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm)

Mecklenburg County Health Department <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Health+Department/Home.htm>.

American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/www-files/Documents/pdf/Preparedness/SeasonalFluChecklist.pdf>

## Community Reminder:



Please join us for the  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Symposium**  
*"From Policy to Practice: Improving Our Homes, Our Communities, Our City."*

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**  
**7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Charlotte Convention Center**  
501 S. College Street

Learn about Charlotte's neighborhood policy and related implementation strategies through a variety of workshops and a community forum.

The Neighborhood Symposium is free and open to citizens of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.  
Due to limited workshop and luncheon seating, **pre-registration is required.**  
**Deadline for registration is May 8.**

## CRIME TRENDS

Since the beginning of the year Response Area Two has seen a significant number of Larcenies from auto incidents. During some of these events vehicles have been left unlocked while some have been locked. The number one target has been GPS units and vehicle radios and other electronics. These events are difficult to prevent since it is not practical to remove the radio system when you leave your vehicle unattended. However the GPS unit can be removed with ease. Remember when you conceal the GPS unit also remove the mount and power cord from the mounting location.

Please alert the authorities if you have information regarding locations or individuals buying stolen merchandise. Below is a list of numbers to call to report suspicious activity.

- Crime Stoppers: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crime Stoppers, P.O. Box 34392, Charlotte, NC 28234. (704) 334-1600
- Metro Division: 601 E. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. (704)-336-8300.

Individuals that participate in criminal activity such as larceny from auto are skilled at traveling through neighborhoods and parking lots and quickly indentifying target vehicles. Please in the future remove all visible after market electronics ( example: detachable face radios, GPS units, mount and power cord, cell phones and power cords, and laptop computers.

## CRIME PREVENTION

- Always lock your car and close your windows and remove valuables from vehicle.
- Never leave your car unattended with the engine running.
- Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle. They can be found.
- Secure your tag with one-way screws; keep registration and Insurance Info with you.
- Write down make, model, and serial number of ALL valuables.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view.

## **Metro Response Area 2 Division Community Meetings and Events –May 2009**

May 07, 2009 at 7:30 PM - Garden Park  
Community - 1729 Grier's Grove Road

May 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM – Lincoln Heights  
(NAP) - 2324 LaSalle Street

May 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM - McCrorey Heights  
Community - 1801 Oaklawn Ave.

May 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM - Seversville  
Community - 440 Tuckaseegee Rd.

May 12, 2009 at 6:00PM - Oakview Terrace  
- 2324 LaSalle Street

May 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM - Smallwood  
Community - 101 S. Gardner Avenue

May 17, 2009 at 2:30 PM - Washington Heights  
Comm. - 1135 Redbud St. (Church)

May 17, 2009 at 4:00 PM - Dalebrook Community  
- 2600 Newland Road

May 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM - University Park North  
- 2324 LaSalle Street

May 19, 2009 at 12:00 PM - Washington Heights  
(NAP) - 2412 Beatties Ford

May 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM - Lincoln Heights  
Community - 2324 Beatties Ford