



NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT
7th DISTRICT

**COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: CRIME REDUCTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
STRATEGY**

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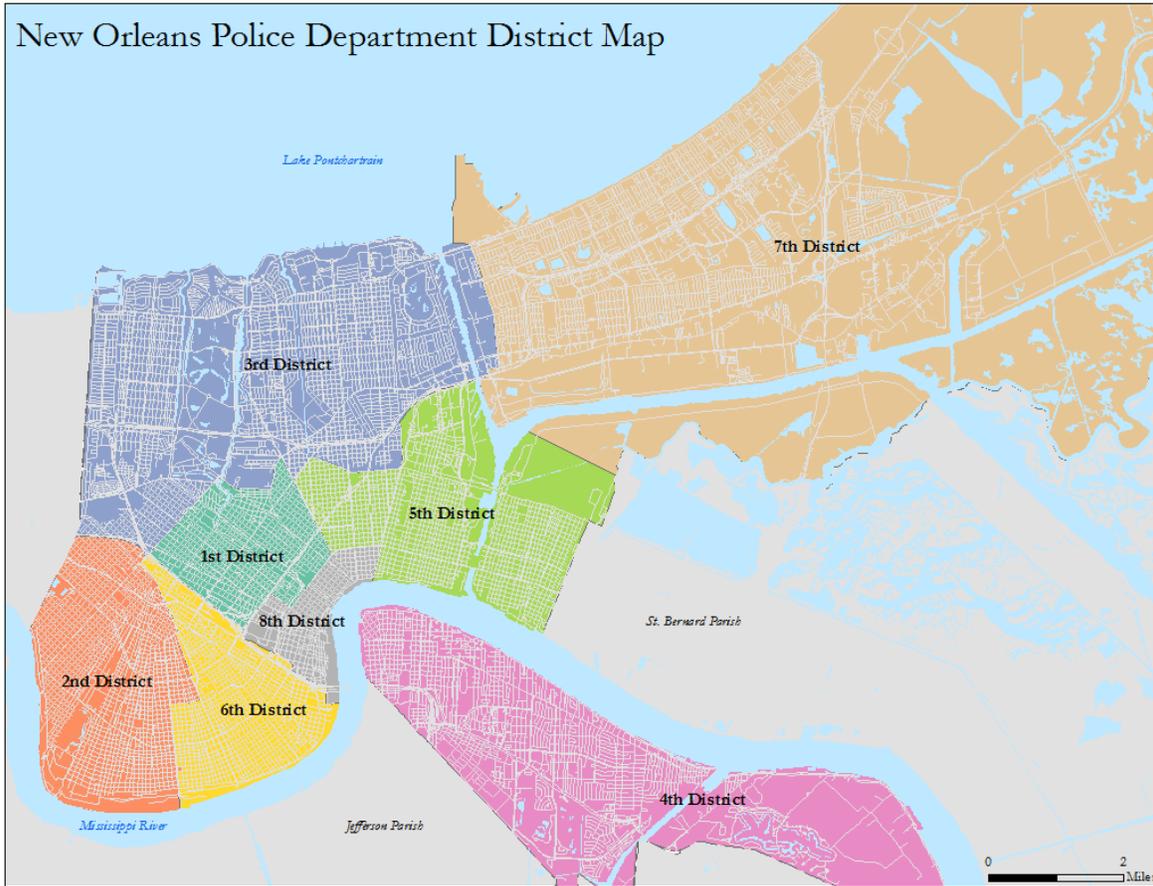


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OVERVIEW



The 7th District encompasses approximately 133 square miles, making it the largest police district in the City of New Orleans. Its boundaries are the Mississippi River to Industrial Canal to St. Tammany Parish and from St. Bernard Parish to Lake Pontchartrain. The Police station is located at 10101 Dwyer Road. The District currently has 85 officers. The district phone number is (504) 658-6070 or by email nopd7thdistrict@nola.gov. For more information about the work of our officers, please follow our Facebook account: www.facebook.com/nopdseventh

LEADERSHIP



Captain Wayne DeLarge II, a native New Orleanian, a 19-year veteran of the NOPD began his career in the Sixth District. Most of his experience has been in investigations, specifically Homicide. Captain DeLarge spent many years in Homicide before being promoted to Sergeant. As a Lieutenant he was assigned to the Field Operations Division. He later returned to Homicide as the Commander of the Division investigating Homicides, Suicides and Unclassified Deaths. Captain DeLarge has also been an Assistant Commander of the Fifth and Seventh Districts, and most recently served as captain of the Third District. DeLarge is a proud graduate of St. Augustine High School and has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Xavier University.



Lieutenant Anthony J. Bakewell was born in New Orleans, La where he attended John McDonough High School. He is a graduate of Southern University at New Orleans where he received both an undergraduate degree and Master's degree.

Lieutenant Anthony J. Bakewell began his law enforcement career with the city of Tuscaloosa, Al. Police Department on 9/10/2001. He then lateraled to the New Orleans Police Department in 2005 right before Hurricane Katrina. Lt. Bakewell has worked throughout the department in various positions including: Task Force, VICE, Narcotics, Multi-agency gang unit, Crisis Intervention, an Investigations detective, Field Training Officer, and

an Academy Instructor. Lt. Bakewell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2019 where he was the Assistant Bourbon Street Commander. He then went on to become the Persons Crimes Sergeant in the Seventh Police District, where he was responsible for overseeing crimes such as shootings, robberies, and overall violent crime.

In January of 2023, Sgt. Bakewell was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, where he was responsible for patrol activities for the Seventh District. In April of 2023 he was given a greater responsibility as the Seventh District Assistant Commander, this includes the management and direction of the patrol strategies and deployment of the Seventh District and deployment of the Seventh District Investigation Unit.

Community Engagement Team

DISTRICT SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR (DSA)



Sergeant Gina Cousin has been with the New Orleans Police Department for 32 years. A native New Orleanian, Sgt. Cousin has served various positions within the Department, from Platoon Officer, School Resource Officer, Truancy Officer, Juvenile Detective, the Community Orientated Policing Squad, as a District Investigation Detective, and other crucial administrative positions. Since being promoted to Sergeant in 2019, Sgt. Cousin has been a platoon supervisor in the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th Districts; and was later selected for appointment to the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau. In this position, she was responsible for ensuring the appearance, efficiency, and proper conduct of all NOPD personnel and was tasked with helping to bring the department into compliance with the Federal Consent Decree. In 2021, Sgt. Cousin was transferred to the 7th District and welcomed as one of the night watch supervisors. Currently, as the District System Administrator for the 7th district, her responsibilities include carrying out all administrative duties for the 7th District that are assigned by the captain, inventory control, ensuring that the district remains in compliance with all department policies and consent decree mandates, and operational maintenance of all district equipment. Her other duties are the supervision of the Community Liaison Officer, School Resource Officer, Fleet Officer, and other Administrative Staff. Sgt. Cousin earned an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Delgado Community College and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Dillard University.

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (CLO)



Senior Police Officer Aldeane Valentino joined the New Orleans Police Department in 2002. Assignments included 8th District Patrol Officer, 1st District Narcotics and Task Force Officer, Major Case Narcotics Detective, Sex Crimes Detective, Property Crimes Detective and Community Liaison of both 8th and 7th Districts. As a Community Liaison in the 8th District SPO Valentino led multiple projects to improve and enhance their quality of life. SPO Valentino joined the 7th District in November of 2020. She has a strong relationship with City Services, and she strives to address all community concerns. SPO Valentino completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Louisiana University and her Graduate Degree in Criminal Justice from Southern University at New Orleans.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Officer Urlissa Dabney is a 20-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. Officer Dabney has served the residents of the 7th District for the interiority of her carrier. Officer Dabney has served as the district SRO for the past 10 yrs. Officer Dabney is a certified trained SRO through the D.A.R.E, Great ad NASRO programs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

On Friday, May 12, 2023, the NOPD hosted a forum with the 7th District Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) via the Zoom platform. The purpose of this event was to identify and prioritize public safety concerns voiced by community members. PCAB members reviewed 311 data collected year-to-date- in the 7th District, reviewed New Orleans Neighborhood-Police Anti-Crime Coalition (NONPACC) citizen concerns to form a list of issues that the 7th District should address. The Community Liaison Officers collected feedback from the PCABs and analyzed the feedback to identify trending problems that could be developed into robust problem-oriented policing plans.

We continue to survey the Community every 2 years to update and prioritize these issues. Thus, we continue to establish transparent, actionable items and update them on a monthly basis to show community members the district's efforts in resolving community concerns.

DISTRICT COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN PRIORITIES

Given the issues raised by the community, the primary area of focus in the 7th District Community Policing Plan, drafted for June 2023, will be to:

- Focus on Youth Engagement
- Enhancing the Quality of Life
- Increase Patrol Visibility to

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Actionable items are specific steps the district will take to implement the District Community Policing Plan. Actionable items will be quantified or qualified through data analytics. The purpose of actionable items is to ensure transparency. To that end, the actionable items will be updated monthly to demonstrate to the community the exact steps that the district executed.

1) The Seventh District will begin enhancing youth engagement activities.

Task # 1: SRO Dabney will develop a district level police-youth intervention program, in partnership with district officers and assigned schools. Non-SRO officers will do

check-ins at schools, so that students can become familiar with officers within their district.

- a. Attend School Sponsored sport events and host additional events,
- b. Conduct home visits for at risk youth and have an open dialogue with parents and students regarding behavior and excessive absences.
 - a) Implement Big Brother/Big Sister Program with officers and students
 - b) Advertise Citizens Academy for Youth
 - c) Partnering officers with high school graduates to build positive relationships and create possible connections for Law Enforcement career opportunities.

Task # 2: Document each step in implementation using the Community Policing Form, specifically noting when the SRO met with school principals to build the program and gathered names of students.

- a. Conflict resolution session. Involve students within conflict, their parents (guardians), school administration, and the SRO to identify issues and solutions the students can implement in their lives to become better individuals and students within a safe environment.
- b. Partnering with Youth Opportunity Center to provide resources for youth and families in need.
- c. Host "Painting Canvas and Conversations" with youths and officers.
- d. Participate in Senior Capstone final assignment in order to graduate. This program involves the students, school administrators, and officers. The students present their final project and demonstrate completion of their assessment for their final grade.

Task #3 Seventh District Social Worker will provide necessary references regarding programs in which each student could further benefit from.

- a. The School Resource Officer will partner with the Social Worker, at each school, on actionable tasks to complete each month and follow up on progress to assist youth who have issues that become apparent through these mentorship and youth engagement activities.
- b. Identify students with excessive absences and provide parent with solutions, while also identifying at risk youth through the process.

Task #4: Report the outcome of youth dialogues and include which schools and officers from the district participated.

2) The Seventh District will enhance prevention strategies specifically targeting the Illegal Dumping of tires/ debris/abandoned cars.

Task #1: The Seventh District will develop a partnership with Entergy with hopes to install better lighting in high dumping areas.

Task #2: Develop partnerships with City Agencies and community groups in erecting privacy fences around high dumping areas primarily focusing on City Owned Property.

Task #3: Strategize with RTCC (Real Time Crime Center) to install additional cameras in high dumping areas which RTCC will monitor and report activity to police.

- a. Patrol in the areas of frequent illegal dumping.
- b. Request signage postings of fines by violators of illegal dumping.

Task #4: Coordinate with Parks and Parkways to plant privacy trees in high dumping areas which will prohibit access to these areas.

Task #5: Ticket and request towing of abandoned vehicles.

- a. Use 311 tickets and citizen complaints to identify abandoned vehicles.
- b. Determine if the vehicle is connected to an open case and report to the investigating officer/detective.

3) The Seventh District will enhance patrol strategies to increase visibility within neighborhoods to deter panhandling, shootings, and other trending crime.

Task #1: Continue the partnership with Louisiana State Police (LSP) in a joint "Operation Golden Eagle," which will increase the visibility of patrols within the 7th District.

Task #2: Document arrest and enforcement activities and report findings to the Community through weekly MAX meetings and monthly NONPAC meetings, and other community meetings if a presentation is requested by the community group.

Task #3: Actively conduct foot patrols, bicycle patrols, and Mounted Patrols in areas of high crime.

- a. At least one foot patrol, bicycle patrol, or mounted patrol weekly to increase visibility.
- b. Sharing crime trend data at NONPACC and PCAB that demonstrated the need for additional patrols.

Task #4: Document the nearest intersections where high crime, including auto burglary, is occurring weekly based on crime trends to track officer patrols and monitor reductions in those areas.

Task #5: Track whether any crime was decreased because of the visibility.

- a. Request additional statistics from NOPD Analytics Team to identify the reduction.