



**NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FIFTH DISTRICT**

**Community Action Plan:  
Crime Reduction and Community Engagement Strategy  
2023**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN JUNE 2023**





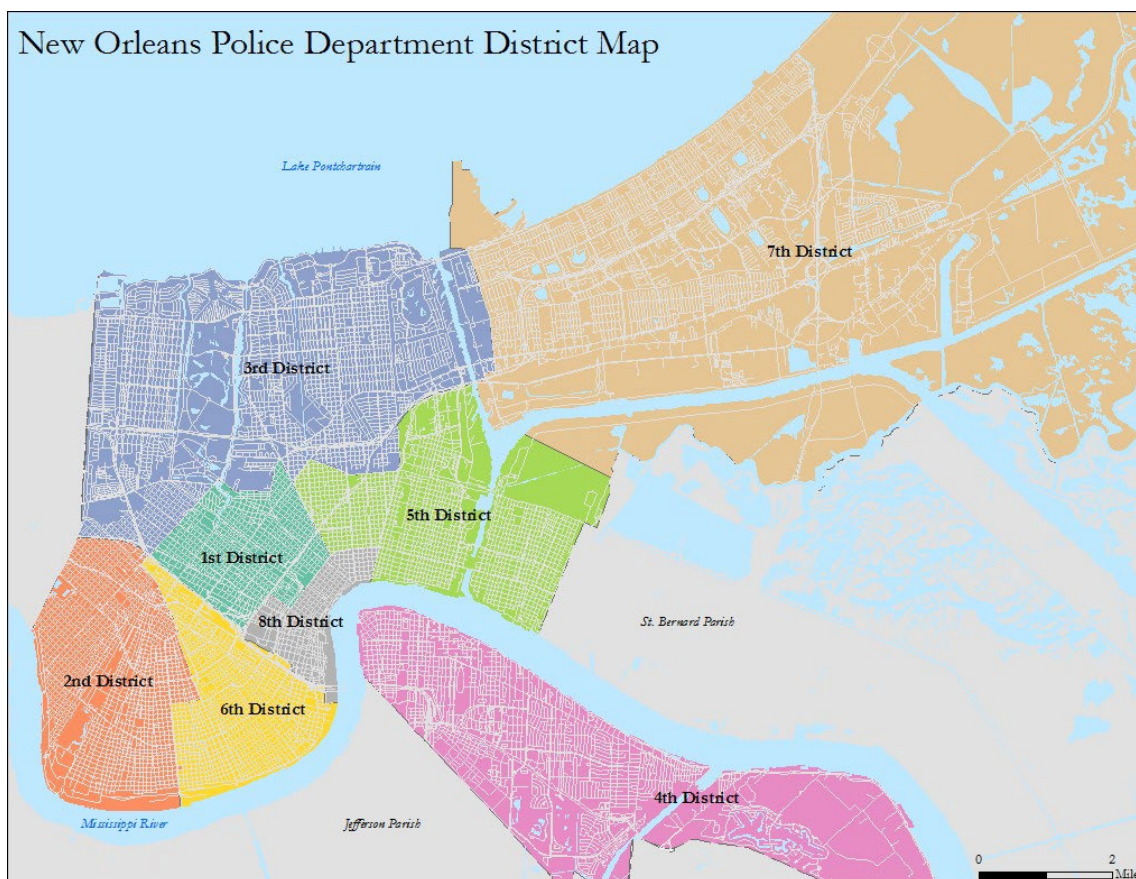
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## OVERVIEW

The Fifth District encompasses approximately 8.7 square miles, making it the 4<sup>th</sup> largest police district in the City of New Orleans. The Mississippi River is from Almonaster Blvd and St. Bernard Ave to Orleans Parish / St. Bernard Parish Line. Located at 3900 North Claiborne Avenue, the Fifth District employs 78 officers and serves 28,631 residents. To contact the Fifth District by phone, dial (504) 658-6050 or email at [nopd5thdistrict@nola.gov](mailto:nopd5thdistrict@nola.gov). For more information about the work of our officers, please follow our Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/NOPDFifth> and Twitter account: <http://twitter.com/NOPD5thDistrict>.



## LEADERSHIP



**Captain Jennifer Dupree, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander,** a New Orleans native who graduated from Seaton Academy High School and received my Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Louisiana University. Captain Dupree is a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, FBI Leadership, and Management, along with the US Department of Homeland Security Incident Command System.

Throughout my 24 years of experience in law enforcement, Captain Dupree has been exposed to a broad range of incidents related to interactions with community groups, non-governmental advocates, the business community, members of city government, and state and federal law enforcement agencies. During my career, I have held several positions within The New Orleans Police Department, which are as follows: Captain of Central Evidence and Property, Commander of the Second District, Assistance Commander of the Second District, District Compliance Manager in the Sixth District, Platoon Lieutenant, Person Crimes Sergeant, Task Force Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Homicide Detective, Person Crimes Detective, Mounted Patrol Officer, Search, and Rescue Diver.

My passion is day-to-day interaction with personnel, community outreach, and providing a vital leadership role to officers and the community I serve. I look forward to the future as Captain of the Fifth District and contributing to the safety of the community I do and the officers.





**Lieutenant Christopher Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander,** is a 15-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. He joined NOPD in 2008, was assigned to the Third District, and served on Patrol and Proactive Task Force in the Third District. He obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Loyola University during the same time. Promoted to Sergeant in 2014, he served in the 4th District as a platoon sergeant. As a sergeant, Lt. Johnson was an investigator with the NOPD Public Integrity Bureau, Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent of the Filed Operations Bureau, and Investigation and Support Bureau. When promoted to Lieutenant in 2022, Lt. Johnson was assigned as the assistant commander of the Central Evidence and Property Division. In April of 2023, Lt. Johnson took over as the assistant commander of the 5th District.

## **Administrative Staff**



**Sergeant Bianca Boone, District Systems Administrator,** a 19 1/2-year veteran, was newly assigned to the Fifth District. She is responsible for supervising and managing administrative requirements for the Fifth District and direct supervision of community outreach initiatives done by the Fifth District's community liaison officers and school resource officers. She was previously assigned to the Fourth District.

**Senior Police Officer Melvin McCollum, Community Liaison Officer**, a 16-year veteran, has been assigned to the Fifth District for his entire career. Officer McCollum has been newly assigned as the CLO for the Fifth District. He works directly with the community to strengthen relationships and partners with City Agencies to improve the quality of life in the district.



**Senior Police Officer Jacquen Hunter, School Resource Officer** and a 6-year veteran has been newly assigned as the 5<sup>th</sup> District SRO. The school resource officer works in the Fifth District's elementary, middle, and high schools. She provides security, educational training, and relationship-building services in their assigned schools.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

On November 12, 2022, the Fifth District Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) met to discuss New Community Action Plan recommendations. PCAB members asked questions regarding ongoing issues in the community and created a list of problems the Fifth District should address. They also reviewed citizen complaints addressed in the New Orleans Neighborhood-Police Anti-Crime Coalition (NONPACC) meetings that were a trend for the district. The Community Liaison Officers gathered and examined the PCAB feedback to spot recurring issues that may be transformed into powerful problem-oriented policing strategies.

We'll keep surveying the neighborhood every two years to update and rank these issues. To demonstrate the district's efforts in resolving community issues, we will continue to construct visible, actionable items and update them weekly.

## **DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: CRIME REDUCTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY PRIORITIES**

Given the issues raised by the community, the primary area of focus in the Fifth District Community Outreach and Public Information Plan, drafted for May 2023, will be to:

- 1. Traffic Enforcement in School Zones**
- 2. Address Public Health and Environmental Concerns**
- 3. Establish Safe Places for Youth**
- 4. Continue District Sector Walks**

### **ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

The district will implement the Community Outreach and Public Information Plan through actionable items, which are precise steps. Actionable elements are meant to ensure transparency. Data analytics and anecdotes will be used to quantify or qualify actionable things. The actionable items will be updated monthly to show the district's actions for the community. These informational pieces will be distributed to the public via the Community Policing Dashboard, monthly NONPACC meetings, quarterly PCAB meetings, and social media platforms like Facebook.

### **Traffic Enforcement in School Zones**

The citizens in the Fifth District have raised concerns about speeding and other traffic violations in School Zones and near school buildings during the posted designated hours on the School Zones signage and crucial hours in which minors are traveling to and from school. Maintaining safe areas for travel and implementing strategies to deter traffic violations during these critical times of the day are important.

- The District CLO will partner with the Traffic Division to monitor the schools' surrounding areas and determine which locations have the most violations to target. Afterward, they will strategize a plan to create a list of which school areas to prioritize and work the list according to their priority.
- Discuss problems and potential solutions with the school administration and the School Resource Officer to determine potential collaborations with staff and officers.
- Request the implementation of Crossing Guards at the suggested schools where students frequently walk to school, and traffic violations are an ongoing issue.
- Implement Traffic Direct Enforcement in which platoon officers will conduct traffic patrols in

that area to monitor the speed limits and deter speeding. Officers will issue citations when a violation occurs.

- Request Speed Cameras and Traffic Control Cars in the priority areas to issue citations when the directed patrols decrease or are inactive.
- Track the reduction of speeding by the number of citations issued and complaints received by citizens and school administration.

## **Public Health and Environmental Concerns**

Police personnel uses crime prevention techniques to try and stop and lessen crime. One way to prevent crime is to satisfy public health requirements while putting the environment first. According to studies, the neighborhood is negatively impacted by blighted property, too much trash, and other code enforcement infractions. To eliminate problems with quality of life, officers work with city authorities. These problems included cleaning up human waste and harmful chemicals from illegal dumps, abandoned buildings, and cars. Both the officers and the community may suffer from these health problems. Discarded syringes and other drug paraphernalia are standard in many communities. Both pets and children from the neighborhood can easily access these objects. Places deemed abandoned will be transformed into green spaces for neighborhood garden projects or community engagement initiatives.

The Fifth District Leadership has determined that this is a major concern for the Fifth District and has decided to continue this priority for the next two years.

The Fifth District will continue to take the following actions:

- Keep an eye on places where illegal dumping is known or has been reported to the district by residents and take enforcement action. Municipal Codes such as 17271M.C.S. 66-283.5 Illegal Dumping and 17271M.C.S. 66-282 Littering shall be enforced by the issuance of summonses.
- Officer Melvin McCollum will work with City Code Enforcement to respond to abandoned properties in the neighborhood.
- Officer McCollum will participate in twice-weekly sanitation cleanups with the Health and Sanitation Department, where trash, human waste, and drug paraphernalia will be removed. The area will be cleaned using cleaning supplies and water after removal.
- Officer McCollum will work with houses of worship and



participate in community cleanup projects.

- Together with the Fifth District PCAB members, Captain Dupree and Officer McCollum will participate in civic activities, including job fairs and classes on gardening.
- Through citizen feedback, these activities will aid them in better understanding the problems that the neighborhood is now facing. For patrol officers to be informed and able to enlighten citizens on the scene, Officer McCollum will work with the Health Department to gather information about the services available to people with substance use disorders. Captain Dupree will then provide this knowledge at roll call training.
- Monthly progress will be made on the priorities. The community will provide an update at live meetings of the PCAB and NONPACC and on the NOPD's website and social media pages.

## **Safe Places for Youth**

The nationwide issue of juvenile delinquency has recurred in New Orleans. According to studies, teenagers are less likely to engage in criminal conduct when allowed to participate in after-school activities. Lack of supervision and guidance significantly impacts this trend because young criminals frequently act criminally unattended. The Fifth District will take the following actions to provide safe settings for children:

- Designating Fifth District officers to be present at juvenile sporting events at St. Roch Park and Hardin Park to prevent violent crime and guarantee that kids aren't exposed to drugs.
- Officer Hunter, the School Resource Officer for the Fifth District, will be present at after-school activities and implement "Conversations with Cops." The District will designate Officers to participate in these conversations with the youth in the community to answer questions regarding public safety, juvenile crime violations, create mentorship opportunities, career-initiated discussions, cyber-bullying, and the risk of sexting.
- Partner with Neighborhood Stakeholders and City Agencies to identify abandoned parks and revitalize them for their intended use.
- Be a part of the High School students' experience of a day in

the life of a New Orleans police officer. This program will give the students insight into the opportunities available in law enforcement. Students visited the station and police units, took part in roll call and radio transmission, and chatted with investigators, police officers, and senior officers while touring the facility and units.

## **District Sector Walks and Engagement**

Another essential element of effective police enforcement is building community trust. To establish and uphold public trust, it is essential to cultivate lasting relationships within the community. When police officers interact with individuals in the community, they typically respond to a criminal complaint or carry out other tasks unique to law enforcement. This can occasionally result in misconceptions regarding the officer's place in society. Establishing quality relationships within the community will increase public trust with the citizens and business owners in the District. District Sector Walks give members of the public a chance to speak with police face-to-face and voice their concerns about problems in their community.

During the implementation of continuous Sector Walks, this strategy has yielded great results and established lasting partnerships and relationships with the community. To continue this effort, the Fifth District will take the following actions:

- As directed by Captain Dupree, officers from the Fifth District will participate in Sector Walks in each of the district's four sectors. The Sector Walks will occur once every quarter of the year.
- Community members can interact with the Fifth District officers who patrol their neighborhood during the Sector Walks, which will be pre-planned so that officers cover a substantial area of the chosen sector. Officers can get community comments this way and respond to their concerns.
- Captain Dupree will invite nonprofit organizations, places of worship in the area, religious organizations, the Fifth District PCAB, Youth Mentorship Groups, and City Agencies,

including the Mayor's Office and the City's Attorney's Office, to participate in the sector walks and other community events. These organizations will be asked to advertise the District Events during their meetings.

- Captain Dupree and District Officers will continue participating in and hosting community engagement activities, publicizing Fifth District Station events through social media and local news outlets, and scheduling meetings at neighborhood gatherings.
- CLO Melvin McCollum will continue to address the Quality-of-Life concerns raised by residents and/or business owners. CLO McCollum will serve as a point of contact for locals, companies, and organizations.
- Using the Community Action Plan: Crime Reduction and Community Engagement Strategy Updates Form, Officer McCollum will report monthly on the status. Additionally, the updates will be posted to the Community Policing Dashboard and reviewed at the NONPACC, PCAB, and monthly MAX meetings.