
**NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT
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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: CRIME REDUCTION AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: CRIME REDUCTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The New Orleans Police Department's Community Engagement Program consists of a Community Engagement Policy, Community Engagement Plan and Community Outreach and Public Information Plans.



Community Engagement Strategy Policy

The New Orleans Police Department shall promote and strengthen community partnerships, engage constructively with the community, ensure collaborative problem solving, ensure ethical and bias-free policing, and increase community confidence in the Department.

Community Engagement Strategy Manual

The Community Engagement Plan is designed to be a long term, aspirational document that will enhance the NOPD's community engagement, community policing and problem-oriented policing procedures. The objectives of this manual are meant to guide officers on how to foster positive community engagement interactions between citizens and NOPD, utilize community policing ideals, create opportunities for substantive engagement with the community, substantive collaboration with the community as well as civic engagement.

Community Action Plan

A district-specific collaborative partnership with the community. The Community Outreach and Public Information Plans will be specific to each District and address the unique needs of the community serviced in each District.

The information used to draft the new Community Action Plan was gathered from requests from 311, residents and business complaints, and community policing problems identified by District Officers. The purpose of utilizing this information is to identify and prioritize public safety concerns voiced by community members. We also reviewed New Orleans Neighborhood-Police Anti-Crime Coalition (NONPACC) citizen concerns to form a list of issues that the Sixth District should address. The Community Liaison Officers collected feedback from them and analyzed the feedback to identify trending problems that could be developed into robust problem-oriented policing plans.

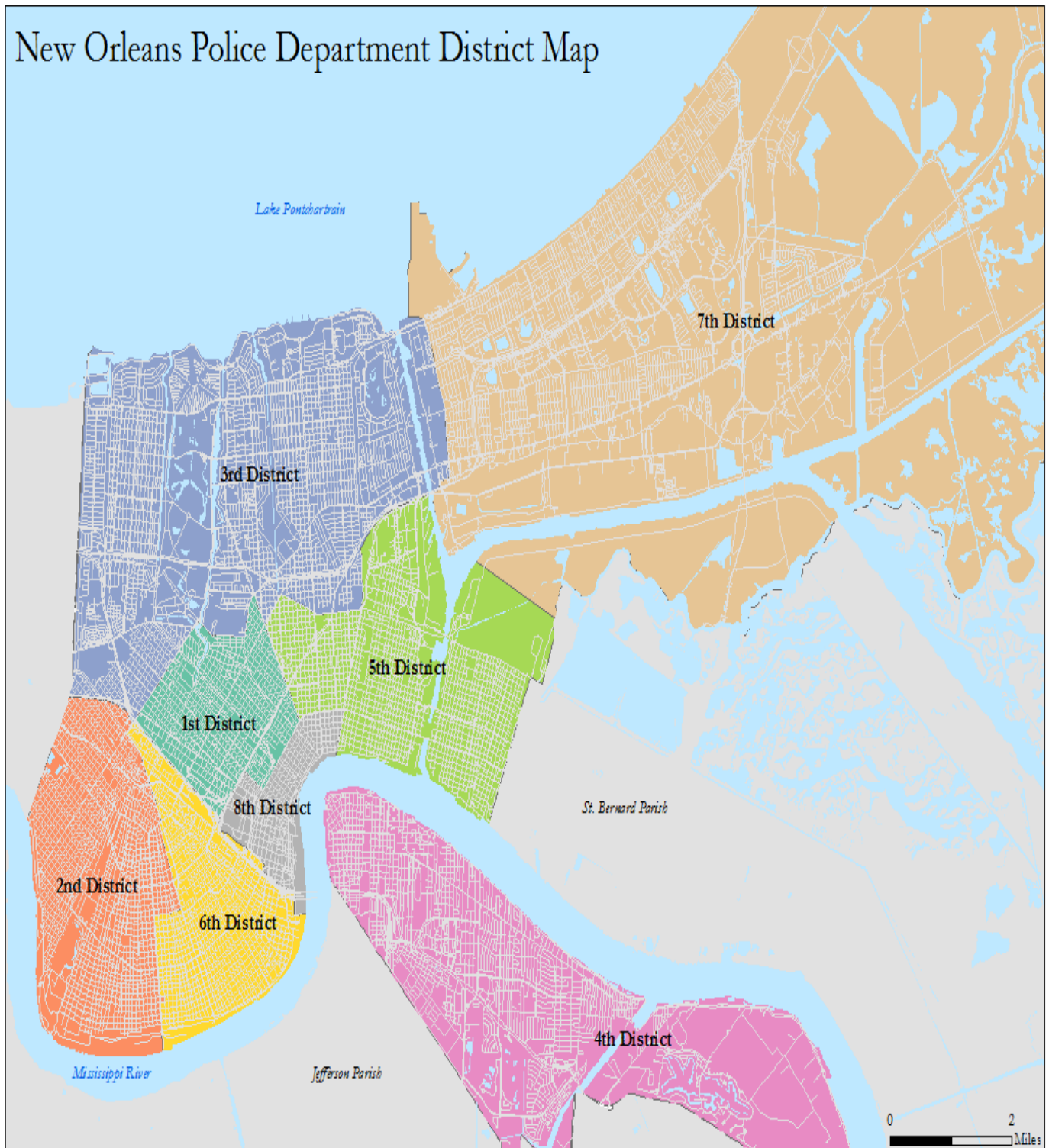
We continue to survey the community every 2 years to update and prioritize these issues. Thus, we continue to establish transparent, actionable items and update them monthly to show community members the district's efforts in resolving community concerns.

SIXTH DISTRICT

The Sixth District is in the heart of New Orleans (Central City) located at 1930 Martin Luther King Blvd. The 6th District currently serves a population of approximately 19,000 residents. Included in the Sixth District are several diverse neighborhoods such as the Historic Garden District, Milan, Hoffman Triangle, Irish Channel, River Gardens, Marrero Commons, Guste Housing, and Harmony Oaks, to name a few. The area also has one college, shopping on the Magazine Corridor, several shopping centers, and eateries. The Sixth District is also the home of the several Mardi Gras crews and home to the Mardi Gras Indians.

The district has 54 officers as of May 2023. The district phone number is (504) 658-6060. The Sixth District can be contacted by email at nopd6thdistrict@nola.gov. For more information about the work of these officers, please follow the Facebook page account: <https://www.facebook.com/NOPD>.

New Orleans Police Department District Map



LEADERSHIP



**Eric T. Gillard, Sr.
Sixth District Captain**



**Andrew Waldron
Second In Command Lieutenant**

Captain Eric Gillard oversees police services for the NOPD's Sixth District, which encompasses the Irish Channel, Central City and Garden District neighborhoods.

A 25-year veteran of the NOPD, Gillard is a 1989 graduate of St. Augustine High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Southern University New Orleans in 1994. His previous assignments include service in the Third District and Special Operations Division before promotion to sergeant and serving in the Sixth District and Fifth District. After promotion to lieutenant, Gillard moved to the Second District, where he later was promoted to the rank of captain. In late 2022, Gillard was assigned to captain the Sixth District. During his career, Capt. Gillard has received numerous awards and commendations for outstanding work with the department, including receiving the prestigious life-saving medal.

Captain Gillard leads a commendable group of police dedicated to fighting crime and serving the public. His staff includes Detective Commander Lieutenant Andrew Waldron, District Administrative Supervisor Sergeant Qiana Lewis, Senior Police Officer Akron Davis is the School Resource Officer, Senior Police Officer Erica Williams is the Community Liaison Officer.

Second in Command is Lieutenant Andrew Waldron, where he oversees the District Investigative Unit. Lieutenant Waldron is a lifelong resident of Uptown New Orleans. Waldron graduated from Jesuit High School, before obtaining his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama, and a master's in business administration degree from the University of New Orleans.

Lieutenant Waldron is in his sixteenth year of service with the New Orleans Police Department, having joined the department in early 2008, where he was assigned to the Sixth Police District

upon completion of the Police Academy. While in the Sixth District, Waldron worked on the platoon, district task force, and the District Investigative Unit. In November 2011, Waldron was transferred to the Homicide Division, where he served as a Homicide Detective until July 2016. At this time, Waldron was assigned to the FBI New Orleans Violent Crime Task Force, where he served as a deputized Federal Task Force Officer.

Waldron was promoted to Police Sergeant in September 2019 and assigned to the Eighth Police District, where he supervised the Bourbon Street Promenade, before being transferred to the newly created Violent Crime Abatement Investigation Team (VCAIT) as a supervisor in October 2020. This assignment allowed Waldron to continue to work with Federal, State, and local partners daily. As a supervisor assigned to VCAIT, Sergeant Waldron's daily tasks required identifying, analyzing, and developing an investigative and enforcement response quickly and efficiently through Constitutional, bias-free means. Through honest and transparent communications, Sergeant Waldron sought to foster and strengthen the department's relationships with our partner law enforcement agencies and prosecuting authorities on a local, state, and federal level.

Waldron was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2023 and assigned to the Sixth District shortly thereafter. Lieutenant Waldron is grateful for the opportunity presented to supervise the Sixth District Investigative Unit. Lieutenant Waldron feels the professional skill set he has obtained over his career affords him a unique ability to lead the Sixth District. The current challenges facing the police department created by limited manpower and the increased violent crime make the ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with all available resources a critical skill for the New Orleans Police Department to succeed.

Lieutenant Waldron is very proactive in his approach and looks forward to leveraging the community partnerships previously made, while meeting new community partners to make the Sixth District a safer place to live, work, and play. As a member of the community on and off the job, Lieutenant Waldron truly believes in the value of Community Policing.

Lieutenant Waldron is married to Tara Waldron, a real estate title attorney. Andrew and Tara have one son, Patrick, and reside in Uptown New Orleans.



Sergeant Qiana Lewis
Administrative Supervisor



Officer Akron Davis
School Resource Officer



Officer Erica Williams
Community Liaison Officer

Sergeant Qiana Lewis is a 22-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. She currently serves as the District Administrative Sergeant (DSA). Sergeant Lewis is responsible for all training and compliance audits. She also partners with the Community Engagement Section, Crime Analytics, and other Department units to coordinate communication with the district. She has a master's degree in cyber security from Grand Canyon University.

Officer Akron Davis is the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Sixth District and brings 24 years of law enforcement experience to his assignment. During his career, Officer Davis has worked in several police districts within the department, including Task Force, C.O.P.S, Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Units. He also completed several departmental training classes throughout his career. Officer Davis has fostered a great bond with the kids in the community.

Officer Erica Williams is a 9-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. She currently serves as the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for the Sixth District. Officer Williams is the lead district liaison for the residents of the community, so that they can be able to freely express their concerns and converse with the officers of the district. Officer Williams earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Ashford University.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Given the issues raised by the community, the primary areas of focus in the Sixth District Community Outreach and Public Information Plan, drafted for April 2023 will be:

- **Collaborative partnership with community to prevent person and property crimes.**
- **Youth Engagement through outreach, youth dialogue and school activities.**
- **Managing issues associated with homelessness with quality of life.**

The priorities chosen should be reassessed within three to six months with the community to determine if new priorities should be addressed.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Actionable items are concrete steps that the district will take to implement the Community Outreach and Public Information Plan. Actionable items will be quantified or qualified through data analytics and anecdotes. The actionable items are transparency steps that will be updated monthly to demonstrate to the community the exact steps that the district executed.

“POP” (PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING) PROBLEMS

Through our data analysis we have determined that both violent and property crimes are occurring in the same areas. Particularly in the PSP (Project Safety Partnerships) zone which encompasses areas Simon Bolivar to South Claiborne to include 2013 South Claiborne Avenue, Martin Luther King Blvd. to Jackson Avenue Our plan of action is to address these concerns with the following:

1. The Sixth District patrol officers will display more visibility in the areas listed below. Patrols will address violent and property crimes in the areas below.

Task #1: The captain will instruct all platoons to initiate directed patrols in the areas of Guste Housing, Harmony Oaks, River Gardens and Marrero Commons Hoffman Triangle, and 2013 South Claiborne Avenue. The captain will also instruct district leadership to establish partnerships and relationships with targeted community association presidents and business leaders. Through these partnerships we will establish an open dialogue with the community and the police.

This will be tracked by platoon supervisors using area checks and business checks in the areas.

- This will be reassessed quarterly, to determine if resources are needed in different areas.

- Increase bike, mounted and blue light patrols in areas of concern when an increase of crime is reported.
- Increase walking beats in housing communities for visibility and positive personal interaction with citizens.
- Establishing partnerships with Federal agencies to conduct narcotic and violent crime enforcement in targeted areas.
- Conduct monthly NONPACC Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to address our neighborhood crime concerns and new developments.
- Conduct weekly District MAX meetings every Monday to disseminate crime stats and trends to citizens for transparency and accountability.
- Meet with the management of the communities and neighborhood leaders when requested to address their specific crime concerns or problems through neighborhood crime meetings.
- Working with the (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) LEAD program.
 - LEAD offers an alternative to arrest by providing intensive, low-barrier case management for people who commit or are at high risk of committing law violations related to mental illness, substance use, or chronic poverty. LEAD seeks to increase equity and reduce harm within communities by reorienting the systems that shape health and safety.
- Disseminating crime patterns and trends with NOPD district wide units such as:
 - Homicide unit
 - Major Case Narcotic
 - VCAIT- Violent Crime Abatement Investigated Team

2. Youth Engagement through outreach, youth dialogue and school activities.

Task #1: The Captain will establish relationships with school administrators to partner and create speaking engagement to address problem-solving solutions.

- This will create open dialogue for the youth not to be afraid when speaking to the police.
- The School Resource Officer will document each step-in implementation, specifically noting when the SRO met with school principals to build the program.
- The School Resource Officer will report the outcome of youth dialogues and include which schools and officers from the district participated.
- The School Resource Officer will partner with school social workers with excessive absences.

- Coordinate with PAL (Police Activity League) for community events.
 - PAL offers youth a variety of structured programs with representatives from the law enforcement community during critical after school hours. After school involvement in activities and athletics under the supervision of caring adults with access to mentors, coaches, and tutors as provided by local PALs, decreases the likelihood that at-risk youth will be involved in delinquent behavior.
- Coordinate with district social workers.
 - These services focus on the best interest of the youth through a professional culture which holds them behaviorally accountable in a manner conducive to personal growth and development.

This will be tracked through the School Resource Officer monthly reports and community policing forms entries.

3. The Sixth District will focus on addressing concerns associated with homelessness and quality of life.

Task #1: The Captain will establish partnerships and relationships with Council Chambers and the Health Department. Through these partnerships we will develop planned community outreach events.

- Strategies to end homelessness coordinates Street Outreach efforts with its community partners, who employ trained social workers to provide strategic case management of the most visible homeless persons in our districts. They reach out directly and build crucial relationships with people experiencing homelessness to assist them in finding resources and shelter.

The City of New Orleans and the New Orleans Police Department and are committed to transforming the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness through comprehensive street outreach that restores dignity and partners with individuals to reach their housing and life goals. Using a collaborative approach to street outreach, providers within the Continuum of Care will be able to:

- Identify, engage, and assess individuals in need of services,
- Refer and keep engaged individuals connected to services,
- Report any changes to individual statuses, and
- Document contact and collect needed documentation for referred programs and services.
- Improve city services for unhoused people, such as shelters, daytime services with life skills and job training.
- Monthly Encampment initiatives
- Community Walks
- Homelessness Assistance Unit

- Partner with local nonprofit that are helping the homeless such as New Orleans Mission, New Orleans Women's, and Children Shelter.
- Complaints received via email (nopd6thdistrict@nola.gov)
- Community policing forms using the SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response and Access) model.
- Crime Stoppers Tips
- 311 Complaints
- LEAD Program

These outreach goals are met by meeting people where they are to build relationships and by establishing creative community partnerships that eliminate barriers to services. The goal is to provide housing to those who need it. Based on vulnerability, persons are classified and connected to housing resources. Many of our quality-of-life concerns will involve homelessness, with programs such as this we aim to come to a resolution.

This will be tracked through district weekly audits, which will monitor the number of complaints per week and the progress of each complaint.

- The complainant will be informed of the sixth district response and results via email or phone call.
- The results will be entered into the Community Policing form that can be viewed.
- Quarterly meetings with City of New Orleans homeless director.
- Monthly meetings with Councilwoman for District B

NOPD COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The information was gathered from requests from 311, residents and business complaints, and community policing problems identified by District Officers. The 6th District (Police Advisory Community Board) PCAB was newly formed during this community action plan for input and did not have any information at the time.

Community Engagement



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