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SIXTH DISTRICT
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC INFORMATION PLAN
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM 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 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 Plan

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.

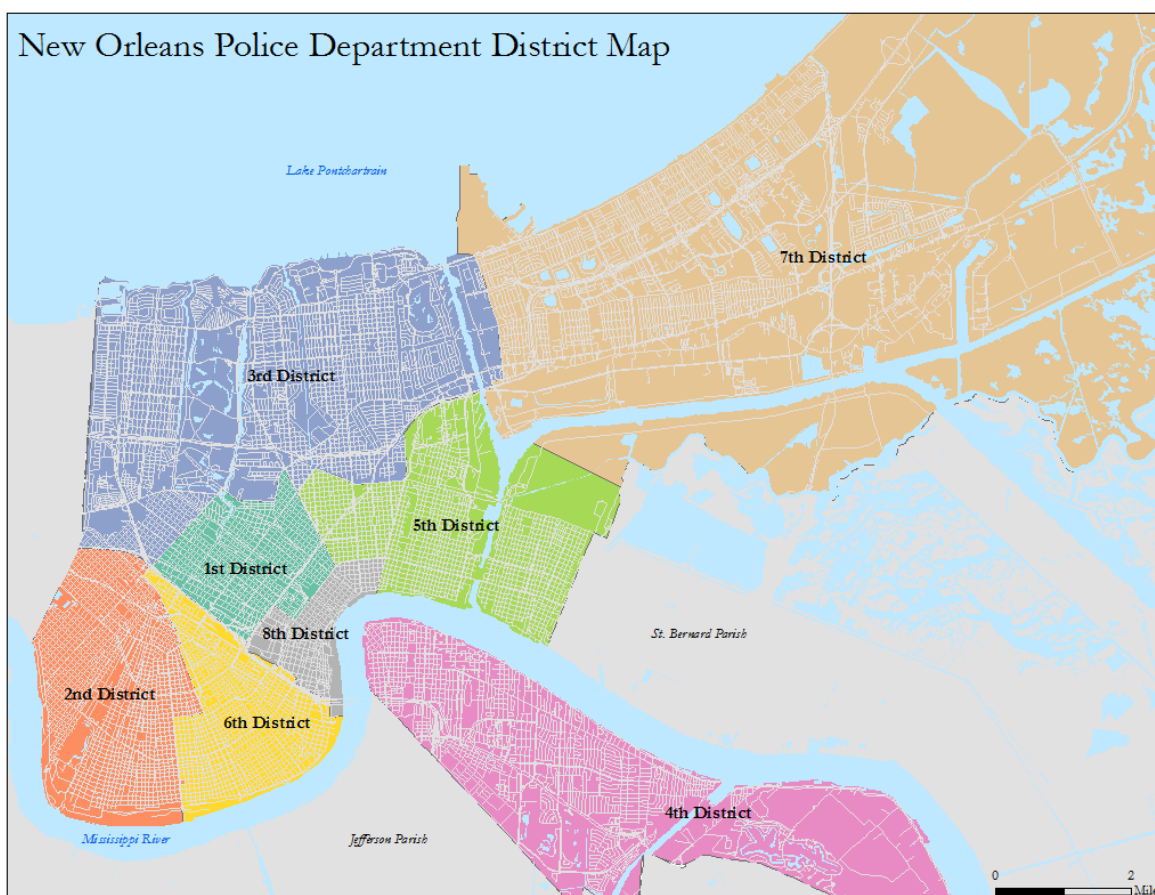
Community Outreach and Public Information Program

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.

On October 13, 2016, the NOPD hosted a “Community Engagement Night Out” in the Sixth District at The Rosenwald Center. The purpose of the event was to identify and prioritize public safety concerns voiced by the community members present. The priorities chosen should be reassessed within three to six months with the community to determine if new priorities should be addressed

SIXTH DISTRICT

The Sixth District encompasses approximately 5.5 square miles, making it the third smallest sized police district in the City of New Orleans. Its boundaries are the Calliope St to Napoleon Ave., and S. Broad St. to Tchoupitoulas St. The police station is located at 1930 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The District has about 75 officers as of December 2016. The District phone number is 504-658-6060. The Sixth District can be contacted by email at nopdsixthdistrict@nola.gov. For more information about the work of these officers, please follow the Facebook page account: NOPD Sixth District.



LEADERSHIP

Commander Ronnie Stevens, a 20 year veteran of the NOPD, was appointed as Commander of the Sixth District in 2014. Commander Stevens has He has served in such capacities as the Special Operations Division Tactical Unit, the Bomb Squad and the Marine Unit. Commander Stevens received an Associate's degree in General Studies in 1988 and a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences in 2010. Commander Stevens has also served as the assistant commander/district investigative unit lieutenant in both the First and Seventh police districts.

Second in Command is **Lieutenant Kevin Stamp**, a 24 year veteran of the NOPD, who was appointed to the District in 2016. Lt. Stamp has worked with NOPD in C.O.P.S (which covered the old Desire Housing Development and the Florida Area), worked with the N.C.I. unit as a detective, and also the A.T.F Safe Home Task Force (which included work with the DE.A. and the U.S. Marshalls). He was promoted to sergeant in 1998 and has supervised Task Force units, General Assignment units, and also worked in the Public Integrity Bureau. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration in 2010 and was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INFORMATION PRIORITES

Given the issues raised by the community, the primary area of focus in the Sixth District Community Outreach and Public Information Plan, drafted for December 2016, will be vacant and abandoned housing, obstruction of public passages, and proactive patrols to reduce drug activity.

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.

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¹ Municipal Code 54-401 Obstructing public passages.

² There is an aggressive panhandling and an aggressive solicitation ordinance that can only be enforced in the Eighth District.

TASKS

Please copy and paste which task (listed above) that the officer worked towards completing. Fill out “task”, “officer name” and “date” fields on every task sheet. However, if applicable, print MAX report and staple to task form in lieu of filling out “action” portion of form.

Task#: _____

Officer Name: _____

Date: _____

Action: _____

APPENDIX

Community Engagement Night Out

The first question posed was, “In your opinion, what are the greatest problems in your District and how can the police department help? Please provide specific examples.” In the 6th District, the primary responses from the community were:

- a. Vacant and abandoned houses.
- b. Lack of quality of life officers
- c. Individual drinking on median.
- d. Homeless people at intersections
- e. Thorough visit with family and NOPD officers.
- f. Shooting – too many young people getting killing. There is no real relationship with the police and community.
- g. Individual drinking on median.
- h. Homeless people at intersections.
- i. Greatest problems:
 - Drug distribution and usage
 - Leading to violent crime over money
 - Public nuisance

The second question posed was, “How can the community collaborate with the police department to address these issues?” In the 6th District, the primary responses from the community were:

- a. We can do better by helping them!
- b. The police department can increase the community gatherings; make them more frequently (weekly or biweekly). That will help the community become better familiar with them.
- c. Keep doing their monthly meeting and hope more people get the information, dates, and times to show up!
- d. More monthly activity that engage young adults.
- e. Attend middle school for conversation with cops.
- f. Same as before; more presence in the community school visits, churches, community policing...
- g. Hire or move staff member into community engagement role. Have a designated person/people setting up events or public speaking engagements
- h. The community has consistent and frequent gatherings (fairs, parties of some sort, etc.) to get them engaged with police directly.
- i. Adulthood: include youth in conversation.
- j. Step up: community should do more to spotlight wrongdoing, fill in the gaps.

- k. Report and communicate with police about illegal activities.

The third question posed was, “What does the police department do well in terms of community engagement? Please provide specific examples.” In the 6th District, the primary responses from the community were:

- a. I see that NOPD has gotten more engaged on social media for recruitment and promoting what the department is doing

The fourth question posed was, “What could the police department do better in terms of community engagement? Please provide specific examples.” In the 6th District, the primary responses from the community were:

- a. Invitations to officers to speak at community meetings, church services, school gatherings, sports practices, and similar settings.
- b. Citizens, especially young people, need to know that police are human and affected by the same things that they are
- c. Advertising sooner.
- d. Police attend neighborhood meetings, listen and give feedback.
 - o Example: Milan St. Neighborhood Association
- e. The police department is having consistent engagement meetings with community.
 - o Example: Coffee at McDonald’s, the gatherings with the 6th District, Community Transparency
- f. This meeting! I’m not sure about anything else, as I do not have much contact with police.
- g. Community policing when we had it.
- h. Currently community engagement now that we have it.
- i. Transparent to some extent.

The fifth question posed was, “What activities should the Department undertake to improve relationships with youth?” In the 6th District, the primary responses from the community were:

- a. Organize and structure youth engagement activity.
- b. Develop an Adopt a Cop program that allows youth to engage a cop in their district monthly.
- c. Look at ways to help get youth programs set up in the community, set up meetings with the youth through the leaders help in each community! Check the schools for trouble.
- d. Kids! Be that person who can help these young people.
- e. Drugs education and reduction classes, conflict resolution classes, and empowerment classes.

- f. Police coach sports teams.
- g. Join mentorships organizations.
- h. Come to centers like this and play ball with young people.
- i. Follow up with citizens they have interacted with in the past.
- j. Establish a citywide youth council by district who meet with district commanders monthly and chief quarterly.
- k. The department should:
 - o Bring back officer friendly
 - o Attend or drop in on tutoring programs and engage in conversation as a person and not cop with youth
 - o Participate in functions where department are dressed as regular people to let the youth know they are just like everyone else in a sense.