

Community Engagement Quarterly Report

Quarter 2, 2017

Within 240 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop measurements to assess the effectiveness of its community partnerships and problem-solving strategies, including the effectiveness of the Community Coordinating Sergeant program. NOPD agrees to prepare a publicly available report on at least a quarterly basis detailing its community policing efforts in each District, including developing community partnerships and participating in public meetings, and its problem-solving activities, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NOPD and the community toward their resolution. This report also shall identify obstacles faced and recommendations for future improvement. At least annually, NOPD agrees to issue a publicly available report that summarizes these problem-solving and community policing activities. [Consent Decree ¶228]

The purpose of this report is to assess the effectiveness of NOPD's community partnership and problem-solving strategies in accordance with Consent Decree paragraph 228.

Key Definitions

New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) — The New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council meetings occur monthly and are attended by the District Commander and other district personnel. The meetings facilitate conversations regarding neighborhood crime concerns and crime prevention strategies.

Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) — Each District is assisted by a Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB). The PCAB consists of seven citizen volunteers from their respective police Districts. PCAB members serve a two-year term and meet quarterly to address crime and quality of life issues.

Community Partnerships — Collaborative problem-solving activities and engagement activities between the Department and the individuals and organizations the Department serves to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.

Findings

NOPD Community and Youth Engagements Partnerships and Events

Per Consent Decree ¶448(c), the Department shall provide collection and analysis of community engagement including the number and variety of community partnerships, including particular partnerships with youth.

In the second quarter of 2017, the NOPD participated in 13 partnerships. NOPD partnership participants include city agencies, civic groups, neighborhood associations, and many more. The purpose of NOPD partnerships are to engage with the community and youth, and to problem-solve with the community to address crime quality of life issues. Many of the partnership activities listed below can be reviewed on Nopdnews.com, NOPD's YouTube page, or NOPD's District Facebook pages.

The partnerships and events are listed below.

1. Youth Advisory Council: Superintendent Harrison announced the formation of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) on April 17, 2017. The Superintendent's YAC is designed to foster dialogue and create a stronger relationship between the City's youth and the NOPD. Members of the YAC facilitate meetings with peers to identify issues and craft solutions together. They meet with the Superintendent periodically, discussing issues related to the city's youth, interactions between youth and police and projects and solutions to address identified issues.
2. CADET Program: The New Orleans Police Department created the CADET program in June 2017. The CADET program focuses on youth who are interested in pursuing a career in Law Enforcement and are between the ages of 17-20 years of age. The participants receive educational training on law enforcement for ten weeks. Once the CADETs graduate, they are paired with police districts in order to assist in administrative capabilities until they are eligible to join the police force. The goal is to build relationships with youth who are too young to join the police department and offer a recruitment track for once they become of age.
3. Youth Engagement Fourth District officer Shantell Howard has been working a detail at L.B. Landry High as a school campus officer and has developed a relationship with students who suffer from physical and mental disabilities. A senior asked Howard if she would [go to prom](#) with him and she accepted the offer.
4. Red Nose Day Celebration with NOPD and Walgreens: Officers from the Sixth District and NOPD's Child Abuse division spent some time with the kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Louisiana's NFL-YET club on South Broad. In addition to bringing some toys and coloring books to donate to the club, NOPD's men and women in blue wore red noses in honor of National Red Nose Day on May 25, 2017. The Boys & Girls Club is one of many children's charities that benefit from Red Nose Day, a national fundraising event that raises money and awareness to help end child poverty. It is powered by Walgreens stores and the

U.S. non-profit Comic Relief, which drives positive change through the power of entertainment.

5. Einstein Sherwood Forest School Youth-Police Dialogue: Seventh District School Resource Officer Ambrose visited Einstein Sherwood Forest School to speak with fifth grade students about cyber-bullying and its consequences. The students were very receptive to the information and participated in a question and answer session afterwards.
6. Youth Outstanding Citizenship Award: Officer Ambrose partnered with Einstein Sherwood Forest School and Mildred Osborne Charter School to recognize two students for outstanding citizenship and service.
7. Community Policing Award: In the second quarter, NOPD officers from the Fourth and Fifth Districts were recognized by the City Council for outstanding community policing. They include Fourth District Officers Qiana T. Lewis, Shantell A. Howard, Marcell Foxworth, Stephanie M. Caldwell, James Caire, and Sgt. Gregory Johnson, and Commander Ceasar Ruffin.
8. Mildred Osborne Charter School Engagement: Officer Ambrose visited the school to assist with the construction and building of their new garden.

NOPD Collaborative Problem-Solving Partnerships

The information below highlights NOPD's problem-solving activities, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NOPD and the community toward their resolution [Consent Decree ¶228].

1. New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC) Meetings: Each District is assisted by a New Orleans Neighborhood Police Anti-Crime Council (NONPACC). The NONPACC meets monthly, facilitating conversation and a forum for residents to voice their concerns directly to the District Commander and other key NOPD personnel. In particular, the District Commander presents key activities and information related to crime prevention and community policing in order to receive feedback and additional information from the community.
2. Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) Meetings: Each District is assisted by a Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB). The PCAB consists of seven members who are citizen volunteers from their respective police districts. PCAB members serve a two-year term and meet quarterly to address crime and quality of life issues. In 2016, the PCABs continued to host quarterly meetings to problem-solve with NOPD leaders. PCABs provide written recommendations to NOPD Commanders.
3. Family Justice Center: The NOPD has partnered with the New Orleans Family Justice Center to provide a "one-stop-resource" to victims of sexual and domestic crimes. The NOPD Sex Crimes and Domestic Violence Units are housed at the location, along with attorneys, social

workers, and victim advocates. All of the partners can work proactively, in close quarters to assist victims of sexual and domestic crimes.

4. Victim Witness Unit: Victim Witness Unit: The Consent Decree requires immediate and ongoing support to families of victims of homicides and other serious crimes [Consent Decree ¶227].

The Victim/Witness Assistance Unit provides the following assistance:

- Safety Planning
- Victim Advocacy
- Crisis Intervention
- Crime Victims Reparations
- Grief and Trauma Counseling
- Community Resource
- Referrals
- Case Update Information
- Information on the Criminal Justice Process

In the Second Quarter, 10 victims and/or witnesses has received counseling. In addition to counselling services, the Victim Witness Unit also contacts victims directly after receiving NOPD's daily major offense log, which is a list, composed of major incidents such as armed robberies, aggravated burglary, rape and other violent offenses, informing them of their rights and services that the department provides. At times, the Unit collaborates closely with Homicide detectives and the social workers that assist victims of sexual assaults under the NOPD's Sex Crimes Unit.

5. Community Policing Plans: Most of the Department's every-day community policing and engagement occurs in each district's community policing plans. The Plans are a district-specific collaborative partnership with the community. The Community Policing Plans address the unique needs of the community and prioritize public safety concerns voiced by the community members present. Many of the patrol officers participate in implementation of the community policing plans. The priorities chosen are reassessed regularly with the community to determine if new priorities should be addressed. Monthly updates are posted online and presented monthly at each District's NONPACC meeting.

To view the Community Policing Plans and extensive monthly updates by district, visit nupdnews.com.

Obstacles and Recommendations

NOPD is working to develop additional tracking mechanisms for documenting community policing activities more consistently and thoroughly. Improving the collection of community engagement and policing data, reporting on this data in internal and external meetings, and utilizing this data to improve our community engagement and policing are critical goals for NOPD in 2017 as we strive to improve our partnerships with the community and our community engagement efforts.