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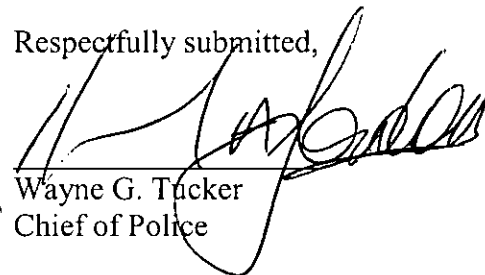
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Re: A Monthly Informational Report From the Chief of Police on Part I Crimes Which Includes Robberies, Burglaries, and Homicides, Committed In The City Within in The Last 30 Days, Specific Issues in Each Area (I, II, III,) and How The Issues Are Being Addressed

As requested by the Rules and Legislation Committee on February 28, 2008, staff has prepared an informational report detailing crime and arrest statistics for all Part I crimes committed in the City of Oakland. The following information reflects statistics for the month of **May 2008**.

Staff will present the next monthly report of crime statistics on September 23, 2008, which will provide activities for the months of June and July 2008.

Respectfully submitted,


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Crime Strategies Areas I, II, and III

May 2008 – Area I Strategies

Crime strategies for Area 1 have been targeted toward homicide and robbery activities.

Shootings/Homicides

Gun violence from March to April in Police District 1 (located in Area 1) remained constant. The violence in this area continued to be attributed to retaliatory gang activity. As a result, the following strategies were deployed:

- Patrol officers were directed to engage in foot patrols on a daily basis;
- Sustained deployment of focused patrol squads to maintain high visibility and proactive enforcement efforts throughout district one were conducted;
- Staff continued to work with Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and Targeted Enforcement Task Force (TETF) to identify those involved with gun violence and develop a strategy to drastically reduce the violence;
- Staff worked in partnership with the City's Violence Prevention Coordinator to provide Measure Y funded outreach activities by making contact with individuals who loiter on street corners and offered Measure Y funded resources; and
- Staff continued to work with a Service Delivery System (SDS) team to focus inter-agency City services to the Ghost Town area located from 22nd Street to 40th Street on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. In addition, the Support Operations Division (SOD) has assigned traffic officers, Police and Corrections Team (PACT), Alcohol Beverage Action Team (ABAT), and Abandoned Auto personnel to the area.

Robberies

Street and commercial robberies remained constant from March to April throughout Area 1. There was a noticeable shift in the locations of the robberies toward the Telegraph Avenue corridor (starting in the 2300 block of Telegraph to the 4500 block) and in the downtown area. In addition to the strategies listed previously, the following strategies were deployed:

- Staff conducted several targeted bicycle patrols in the downtown and North Oakland area; and
- Deployment of Neighborhood Enforcement Team Officers in the downtown and West Oakland area.

Enforcement Efforts

The following statistics were generated during the month of May by Area 1 officers:

- Over 109 hours spent by officers on foot patrol
- 105 felony arrests
- 86 misdemeanor arrests
- 366 citations issued
- 376 field contact reports completed
- 16 firearms recovered
- Over 25 truants detained

Results

In comparison to April 2008, enforcement efforts in the month of May resulted in the following:

- 61.1% decrease in shootings in district one; and
- 20.9% decrease in the number of street or commercial robberies in Police District 1 and a 44.2% decrease in robberies in Police District 2 (North Oakland).

Anecdotal information contends that citizens have noticed more police presence in commercial and residential areas as well as a decrease in the number of shootings. Going into the month of June, the Department will continue to assess crime patterns and trends and adjust strategies accordingly.

May 2008 – Area 2 Strategies

Crime strategies for Area 2 have been targeted toward homicides and robberies.

During the month of May street level robberies decreased overall in Area 2. Beats that experienced a high number of robberies during the month of April observed a considerable decrease during this reporting period as illustrated below:

- Beat 14
 - April – 11 robberies
 - May – 7 robberies
- Beat 17
 - April – 24 robberies
 - May – 13 robberies
- Beat 20
 - April – 10
 - May – 4
- Beat 24
 - April – 19
 - May – 11

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Strategies included:

- Directing Patrol Officers to focus on streets where robberies were occurring;
- Encouraging Foot Patrol Officers to walk the beats and commercial areas to increase police presence;
- Traffic enforcement worked with the Traffic Unit in an effort to work on Beats that experienced a high number of robberies;
- Measure Y Outreach Teams worked with youth and individuals seen loitering on high robbery beats;
- Motorcycle Patrol Officers patrolled high crime beats. Motorcycle officer have an advantage of being able to maneuver in traffic more easily than a Patrol car and be more visible.

There were six homicides in Area 2 this month (neither appears to be attributed to gang violence). Crime Reduction Teams and Problem Solving Officers worked closely with the Homicide Section to identify witnesses. The homicides were not related and extra patrol officers were assigned to the beats where they occurred. Overall shootings in Area 2 were down compared to last year at this time period.

May 2008 – Area 3 Strategies

Crime strategies for Area 3 have been targeted toward shootings and robberies.

Shootings/Robberies

Staff analyzed gun violence from March to April in Police District 5 (located in Area 3) and discovered a 32% increase. Robberies increased from 26 to 66 incidents. In Police District 6 (located in Area 3) shootings increased 38% and robberies increased 21% from March to April.

Shootings Analysis:

- There appears to be no consistent reasoning for the number of shootings other than the lack of conflict resolution ability of victims and perpetrators. In viewing the April crime stats for these events, it was noticeable that a great number of the shootings in District 5 occurred along the major thoroughfares (Bancroft, International, Seminary, MacArthur and Foothill) and between International Blvd. and MacArthur from 82nd Avenue to 98th Avenue in Police District 6. Area 3 command officers determined that the majority of shooting occurrences changed from Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's to Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday's.

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Robbery Analysis:

- Area 3 robberies appear to continue to be crimes of opportunity. The majority of the robberies occur on the Area's major thoroughfares and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 3:00 am.

Based on the March to April analysis, the following strategies were deployed in Area 3 for this reporting period to address these crime problems:

- Officers were directed to engage in proactive enforcement patrols in these locations on a daily basis via the Area 3 Six-Week Operational¹ bulletin;
- One patrol team per watch period was placed on special assignment for their entire shift to work pro-actively in these areas (activities conducted by these teams include surveillances, search warrant services, walking patrols, probation/parole searches and issuing of citations);
- Violence Suppression overtime was authorized for one sergeant and six officers to conduct targeted enforcement;
- Problem Solving Officers were asked to closely scan these areas for opportunities to initiate projects, and dedicate additional time working on existing projects in these areas;
- Crime Reduction Team officers conducted weekly "Shotspotter" operations in these areas;
- Crime Reduction Team officers were also asked to conduct robbery operations;
- Measure Y's Violence Prevention Coordinator was asked to conduct outreach activities in these areas with an emphasis on making contact with individuals who loiter in and around these locations and offering them prevention/intervention resources;
- Neighborhood Services Coordinators provided informational materials to citizens concerning violence prevention, conflict resolution and safety;
- The Support Operations Division (SOD) increased enforcement via traffic, Police and Corrections Team (PACT), Alcohol Beverage Action Team (ABAT), and Abandoned Auto unit activities;
- The Weed and Seed Grant Initiative funded one quality of life operation along the International Boulevard corridor. Weed and Seed representatives are in discussion with Alpha Omega Foundation to address creating a financial partnership in an effort to remove graffiti;
- Area 3 command staff provided instructions and access to crime maps and crime mapping websites to all patrol officers, so officers will have the most current data possible to direct their enforcement actions; and

¹ The Six Week Operational Period is a crime reduction and quality of life improvement strategy that every six weeks focuses enforcement, education, and intervention on the most problematic location(s).

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- Area 3 will be obtaining five bicycles from the bicycle unit in June in order to start conducting bicycle patrols.

Enforcement Efforts

The following statistics were generated during the month of May by Area 3 officers:

- 236 Felony Arrests
- 240 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 13 Firearms recovered
- 314 Moving Citations issued
- 332 Field Contacts
- 325 Towed Vehicles
- 249 Walking Stops
- 662 vehicle Stops

Results

In comparison to April 2008, enforcement efforts in the month of May resulted in the following:

- 16% decrease in shootings
- 13% decrease in robberies

Going forward into the month of June, the Department will continue to assess crime patterns and trends and adjust strategies accordingly.

Arrests by Category
1 - 31 May 2008

These numbers do not match the official monthly crime totals reported to the FBI through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Crime totals can be affected by late reporting; the reclassification or unfounding of crimes, or the geocoding process. The only certified crime numbers are those contained in the UCR.

CATEGORY	ADULT	JUVENILE	GRAND TOTAL
ALCOHOL	156	3	159
ALL OTHER OFFENSES (EXCEPT TRAFFIC)	31	3	34
ARSON		3	3
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED INJURY	63	8	71
ASSAULT - FIREARM	5	3	8
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	104	14	118
BURGLARY	21	5	26
CARJACKING	3	1	4
CHILD OR ELDER ABUSE	14		14
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	11		11
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	168	2	170
LARCENY	101	26	127
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	33	6	39
MURDER	1	1	2
NARCOTICS****	5	1	6
NARCOTICS - POSSESSION***	406	18	424
NARCOTICS - UNDER THE INFLUENCE*	5	2	7
NARCOTICS - VISIT WHERE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED**	3		3
OTHER SEX CRIME	41	4	45
PROSTITUTION	57	15	72
RAPE	3		3
ROBBERY	27	18	45
TRAFFIC	50	4	54
TRESPASS	11	1	12
VANDALISM	26	3	29
VIOLATE COURT ORDER	503	8	511
VIOLATE PAROLE OR PROBATION	169	7	176
WEAPONS	137	15	152
Grand Total	2154	171	2325

- * Usage
- ** Likely Usage
- *** Possible Usage
- **** Not usage

Count of Part One Crimes by Beat
1 - 31 May 2008

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BEAT	ARSON	ASSAULT - FIREARM	ASSAULT - NOT FIREARM	BURGLARY	CARJACK-ING	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	ABUSE OF CHILD OR ELDER	LARCENY	HOMICIDE	RAPE	OTHER SEX CRIME	ROBBERY	VEHICLE THEFT	May Total	April Totals	March Totals
01X				6		2	1	2				2	9	22	34	39
02X		1	10	8	1	7	1	4	1			5	9	47	45	45
02Y		6	11	5	2	3		6				5	3	41	37	39
03X			7	11	1	3		7				3	6	38	56	21
03Y			4	4		2		7				2	9	28	36	73
04X		1	18	30		12		24				7	6	98	93	33
05X	1	1	4	3		4		7				1	5	26	24	10
05Y				6		1		3				2	3	15	14	65
06X	1	1	14	19	1	12	1	9		2		9	9	78	67	59
07X	2	2	12	11		9	1	13				3	12	65	55	91
08X		2	11	28		4	3	13		1		5	10	77	110	56
09X			4	10		1	1	19				1	11	47	50	26
10X		2	6	11	1	9		4				4	4	41	21	30
10Y		2	7	4		3		8				4	6	34	33	33
11X			3	9	1	4	1	7					6	31	65	44
12X			7	8				14				4	12	45	44	48
12Y			4	16		2	1	6				6	10	45	81	12
13X				9				5					3	17	13	10
13Y				3	1			6		1			3	14	9	24
13Z			3	11			1	4				1	7	27	29	51
14X			4	12			1	4				4	15	40	56	25
14Y			3	4		1		3				4	4	19	24	53
15X			7	5	1	4		14				9	12	52	53	1
16X				8				1				2	5	16	21	14
16Y		1	1	5		5		2				3	9	26	27	27
17X		1	3	10		5		5				12	9	45	43	26
17Y		3	1	11		7		1				2	9	34	59	56
18X		1	3	4			1	2				4	5	20	26	25
18Y		2	6	6		3		1	1			1	6	26	45	28
19X		4	12	13		6	1	9		2		10	15	72	83	66
20X	1	4	10	5	2	4		7	1			2	14	50	88	97
21X	1		4	9		5	2	6				2	12	41	67	43
21Y	2	4	8	6	2	3		2		2		5	13	47	58	68
22X		3	7	12		2		8				4	13	49	48	36
22Y		2	8	10		1		4	1				7	33	50	44
23X		2	22	10	1	12		17	1			7	21	93	78	111
24X		1	12	7		9		4	1			7	9	50	55	37
24Y		3	8	4		6		5				6	18	50	32	38
25X		1	9	12		2		11				10	13	58	65	57
25Y			2	5		2		5				2	3	19	20	11
26X		2	4	6		4		7				3	17	43	54	51
26Y	3	5	14	7		20	5	8	1	2		9	18	92	101	62
27X		6	23	18		8	4	12				12	20	103	87	58
27Y		2	14	5	3	12	3	8	2			7	15	71	107	76
28X		2	3	11	1	3		7				4	14	45	33	34

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29X		2	12	15	1	4	2	11	1			10	16	74	77	56
30X		7	16	2	1	11	3	3		2		13	10	68	92	61
30Y		3	20	13		9	3	16		1		10	15	90	83	69
31X			2	14	1	1		7				2	10	37	46	50
31Y	1	2	5	10		5	2	4				1	13	43	57	49
31Z	2	3	5	2		2		4				3	6	27	28	26
32X	1	8	12	4	1	7	2	7				1	25	68	63	58
32Y	2	9	7	12	1	7		12				3	12	65	55	70
33X		2	12	9	1	6	1	11		1	1	6	26	76	73	73
34X		8	24	5	1	11	3	6	2			19	23	102	84	59
35X	2	2	21	14		11	1	7	1			3	15	77	72	72
35Y				6		1		6						13	26	25
UNK	1	3	28	10	1	20	6	43		7		3	15	137	85	106
May Total	20	116	477	533	26	297	51	458	13	21	1	269	625	2907	3137	2753
April Total	23	145	427	573	30	259	38	538	5	2	24	367	706	3137		
March Total	31	149	137	588	39	39	30	546	14	20	5	304	851	2753		