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## ON THE BEAT IN DISTRICT ONE

32<sup>nd</sup> Edition

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### Message from Captain Mike John



With the first quarter of 2015 behind us, we can take a moment to reflect and assess some successes and challenges. Although we have had a difficult week, with two tragic incidents, we should not lose sight of the overall drop in violent crime – 17% less than a year ago – shootings down 28%. A continued challenge has been in property crime – up 5% over last year, with the biggest increase found in personal thefts (177 offenses compared with 148 in 2014). As a reminder, please be mindful to not leave property unattended; such as your wallet, smart phone or handbag. This is of particular importance as we venture out to enjoy the wealth of activities available throughout our neighborhoods. Within the past couple of weeks, we were able to enjoy the Findlay Market Opening Day parade – signifying baseball and warmer weather. Our appreciation goes out to everyone who makes this event an (un)official Holiday for the City of Cincinnati. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge all those who handled the train derailment in Queensgate. Swift action by first responders, and a coordinated follow-up led to an expedited return to normal, with no injuries. We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding regarding the re-routing of traffic. Our Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) have been busy – both in the West End and Over-the-Rhine, by maintaining diligence to patrol even during inclement weather. We are sincerely grateful to their dedication as they have worked on project initiatives to assist our policing objectives. As always I thank everyone for your continued engagement and collaboration toward continuous improvement.



**Opening Day 2015 OTR**



**Train Derailment - Queensgate**

## Tampering with Coin Machines from Parking Meters

On **April 6, 2015**, District One Officers were dispatched to **East 12<sup>th</sup> and Main Street** in Over-the-Rhine reference a subject damaging parking meters with a brick. The description given was a male black, 50 years of age, grey beard, black hat and brown trench coat.

**Lieutenant Kevin York** saw the individual known now as **Mr. Karl Anthony Hunter** at **1126 Main Street** who fit the description. Lieutenant York initiated contact with Mr. Hunter who was counting U.S. Currency from the parking meter located at the address. **Police Officer Darryl Patrick** was searching Mr. Hunter when he fled on foot. Mr. Hunter was stopped and placed into custody on **Michael Bany Street**.

Mr. Hunter was charged with **Obstructing Official Business, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Damaging, Drug Paraphernalia, Criminal Tools** and **Tampering with Coin Machines**. Mr. Hunter was transported to the **Hamilton County Justice Center**.



**Mr. Karl Anthony Hunter**

## Pedestrian Violation Turns into More

On April 20, 2014, at 3:27 p.m., **Police Officers Luke Putnick and Baron Osterman**, observed **Mr. Johntel Cooper** commit a pedestrian violation at **212 East Clifton Avenue** in Over-the-Rhine. Officer Putnick believed Mr. Cooper was concealing a firearm in his right coat sleeve. Officer Putnick told Mr. Cooper to stop. Mr. Cooper ignored Officer Putnick and continued to walk away. Officer Putnick eventually stopped Mr. Cooper and recovered a **9mm Bryco Arms Jennings firearm**. Officer Osterman recovered **heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana** from Mr. Cooper's person. Mr. Cooper was charged with **Pedestrian Violation, 2 Counts of Felony Drug Possession, Drug Possession (MM), Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Weapons under Disability**. Mr. Cooper was transported to the **Hamilton County Justice Center**.



**Mr. Johntel Cooper**

## Many Congratulations to Sergeant Dave Corlett

On **April 16, 2015**, **Sergeant Dave Corlett** was recognized at the **2015 Rotary Club of Cincinnati Annual Awards**. Sergeant Corlett was the recipient of the **Department Advancement/Career Enhancement** award for his work in developing the Department's **Military Liaison Group**.

Under his leadership, the Department was designated a **2014 Military Times 'Best for Vets'** national award winner. Providing information on available programs, services, honor flights, and special needs assistance, the Military Liaison Group has received increasing inquiries from other cities seeking to provide the same benefit to their veteran communities. They participate in the program, **'Battle in Distress'** (a nationwide peer support group for veterans) and have been instrumental in dissuading several suicidal veterans – as many as 10 in a month's time – in exchange of hope and possibility. The mission and outreach of the Military Liaison Group has expanded to include committee roles with the Tri-State Veterans Community Alliance, a first-in-the-nation coalition of community partners working toward the goal of a one-stop resource shop for Queen City veterans as well as participating in national recruiting sessions, specifically to hire and support more of our veterans.



**Sergeant Dave Corlett**

## Thank you Mr. Harry Keller

In early April the **Cincinnati Police Department** was contacted by **Ms. Sandra Keller**, Sandra is the niece of **Mr. Harry Keller**. Mr. Keller was the oldest living Cincinnati Police Officer and a veteran of World War II. Mr. Keller was turning 100 years old in early May.

Ms. Keller hoped to organize a birthday card drive for her uncle. The department came through for her with over a hundred signed letters and birthday cards from the Chief, Assistant Chiefs, and the rank and file. The cards were driven to Florida and delivered to Mr. Keller by his nephew.

Sadly on April 19, 2015, Mr. Harry Keller passed away before his one hundredth birthday. Ms. Keller reports he received his cards and was moved to tears as he considered the memories of serving the city.

Our condolences are passed to the Keller family and we are saddened by the loss of our oldest retiree and another veteran of the greatest generation. Thank you for your service!!!

## Criminals look into cars.



### **City-wide Theft from Auto Presentation and Information Session**

**Save the date – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Taft High School**

The Cincinnati Police Department will be presenting information on the subject of Theft from Autos. This information session will be hosted by **Taft High School**, and is open for anyone from the 52 neighborhoods of the city. Representatives from all the Police Districts will be attending the session and presenting on neighborhoods affected by this crime; and the strategies being employed as a means for reduction. We encourage all to attend, and would appreciate representatives from community councils and business associations.

**True or False? Henry Wadsworth Longfellow coined the term “The Queen City” for Cincinnati.**  
(Answer near the end of newsletter)

### **Stolen Credit Cards**

After being contacted by the **United Parcel Service** and the **Union Township Police Department** in Butler County, on Thursday **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, Cincinnati Police District One investigators apprehended **Mr. John F. Manuel** at **640 West Third Street** in Queensgate. He was participating in a stolen credit card scam. Union Township detectives were able to trace property purchased with a credit card stolen from their jurisdiction. Mr. Manuel was receiving packages via UPS and Fed Ex on a “will-call” basis.

Mr. Manuel received directions from a man in Egypt to pick up packages which had been purchased with stolen credit cards then relabel them and sending them to the east coast. Mr. Manuel was cooperative with the investigation. During a search of his residence, officers recovered an additional 94 items believed to have been purchased on stolen credit card numbers. Mr. Manuel has been charged with **Receiving Stolen Property**. This information has been shared with all law enforcement agencies in the regions in an attempt to identify further victims.

### Safety Tip

How can you get more police service in the areas you care about?

- If you see a crime happening call the police to report it yourself. Do not assume that others will call it in.
- When you call the police please be prepared to give a good description of anything you see going on. If it is a suspect, the call taker will want to know the suspects gender, race, height, weight and what they are wearing from head to toe.
- If something looks suspicious please call 911 or the non-emergency number (513)765-1212. The fact is both phone numbers goes to the same operator.

The Cincinnati Police Department is always vigilant but we also depend on the citizens to call if something is not right or looks out of place. Working together with the Cincinnati Police Department, and combining the citizen's knowledge of the community with the officer's professional crime prevention skills, enormous progress can be made toward stamping out crime and improving the quality of life. Help us defend your space and call us about the crimes or suspicious situations you see.



### Trivia Question Answer:

**True.**

The classic nickname "Queen City" is taken from the 1854 poem *Catawba Wine*. In it, [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#) wrote of the city: "And this Song of the Vine, This greeting of mine, The winds and the birds shall deliver, To the Queen of the West, In her garlands dressed, On the banks of the Beautiful River." in the 1850s, Cincinnati was the largest westernmost inland city from the East Coast.

## **District One Safety Sector Meetings (Please Note Changes)**

District One facilitates monthly Safety Sector Meetings for the local neighborhoods. Safety Sector Meetings give the citizens and business owners a chance to talk one on one with police officers and supervisors regarding crime and safety issues in their neighborhoods. Everyone is invited to attend.

- **Over-the-Rhine/Washington Park/Art Academy Safety Sector Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 2:00 p.m.  
Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce – 1431 Walnut Street
- **West End Safety Sector Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
City West Community Room – 1202 Linn Street
- **Pendleton Safety Sector Meeting (May 21<sup>st</sup> is First Meeting)**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.  
430 Reading Road (Verdin Building)

## **Contact Us**

All District One Officers continue to work cooperatively to reduce crime and disorder. Anyone with information on any crime or disorder issues in the District One area, please call (Non-Emergency) (513)765-1212. If a crime is in progress, call 911.

Anyone who has information pertaining to any felony investigation, or offense of violence, is asked to call CRIMESTOPPERS at (513)352-3040 or text “CINTIP” plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Callers may remain anonymous and receive compensation for their information.

If you need to discuss any community issues call Sergeant Elena Moton at (513) 352-1210 or email her at [elena.moton@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:elena.moton@cincinnati-oh.gov).

