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ON THE BEAT IN DISTRICT ONE

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Message from Captain Mike John



It been a few weeks since our last newsletter, and during that time we have been fortunate to experience a number of key events, including **All Star Game Week** and **LumenoCity**. All Star Week was a tremendous success and showcased Cincinnati on a national scale. Associated events were hosted all over the city, including Over-The-Rhine, the West End and Queensgate. The Cincinnati Reds Community Fund teamed with Procter and Gamble and the Cincinnati Zoo to make major significant improvements to the **7 Hills Neighborhood Houses Center, P&G ALL*STAR PARK, and DYER ALL*STAR BALL FIELDS**. Many thanks for all of the volunteers who helped make this happen.



7 Hills Neighborhood House



This past week we enjoyed five nights of the **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's 2015 LumenoCity**. Each night was at capacity, and we were blessed with great weather. District One was most fortunate to have tremendous support from our **Volunteers in Policing** who devoted themselves to provide additional patrols, reports, and general assistance nightly. Special mention should go to: **Keith Blake; Betty Shaw; Rich Harrison; Polly Whittaker; Vicky Morales; Bill and Deb Johnson; Betty Parker; Bill Givens; Pat Maley; and Matt Maley**. Many of these volunteers worked multiple days – Keith Blake was an ever-present! One task asked on the volunteers was to conduct vehicle report cards as a means to deter possible theft from autos. This had the desired effect, with no reported offenses of this nature during the event. Again, many thanks to all of you, and apologies if a name was left out!

Robbery Suspect Arrested

On **July 19, 2015 at 4:05 a.m.**, three suspects robbed a victim in the **1200 block of Main Street** in Over-the-Rhine of his cell phone and other property valued at **\$400.00**. That night the suspects utilized the victims cell phone to take several pictures of themselves, which unloaded to the iCloud account the victim had set-up.

On **July 20, 2015** the victim made a police report and provided **Detective Craig Ball** with photos of the suspects. Detective Ball created a flier which he passed out hoping to identify the subjects who were seen in the photos.

On **August 5, 2015**, **Police Specialist Michael Bell and Police Officer Meucci** were on patrol and observed two of the suspects in the investigative flier. Officers Bell and Meucci stopped the suspects in the Shell lot at **30 E. Liberty Street** without incident. During the course of the investigation, one of the suspects **Mr. J. Jackson**, 17 years of age, was found to have a can of beer in his possession and then refused to provide his name to the arresting officers. Detective Ball came in and interviewed both subjects and obtained a confession from Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was charged with **Robbery, Obstructing of Official Business, Underage Possession of Alcohol and Curfew Violation**.

Active Listening Skills Come in Handy

On **August 11, 2015**, at approximately 3:00 p.m., District One officers responded to **500 E. 12th Street** in Over-the-Rhine for a report of a person armed with a knife, acting disorderly. Upon arrival, it was determined that the person was a mental health consumer in need of care requiring a mental health hold. Officers indicated their plan to place the person in custody and transport him for evaluation. The person immediately told police that he was not going to be taken into custody and voiced his plans to fight the police if an attempt was made to apprehend him. The person became very agitated and continued to repeat his plans to fight the police officers. **Sergeant David Schofield** requested that additional units respond to assist.

Police Officer Tim Eppstein arrived almost immediately. Officer Eppstein was familiar with the person and used his excellent communication skills to encourage the person to cooperate. After a brief discussion, the person voluntarily submitted to being placed into custody and was transported to **Deaconess Hospital** for evaluation.

Great Work to All Involved!

Trivia Question:

How many people lived in Cincinnati in 1802? (Answer near the end of newsletter)

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR CYCLIST

DOES A CYCLIST HAVE TO OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS?

YES, cyclists have to obey traffic laws, including stopping at red lights and stop signs. According to CMC 506-4, “Every person riding a bicycle or motorized bicycle shall obey the rules of operation and right-of-way for all vehicles as provided by this chapter except when clearly exempted from any section thereof.”

DOES A CYCLIST HAVE TO RIDE IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS TRAFFIC?

YES, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic. According to CMC 506-4(b), “Persons operating bicycles or motorized bicycles shall ride in the same direction as all other vehicular traffic.”

DOES A CYCLIST ALWAYS HAVE TO RIDE TO THE RIGHT?

According to CMC 506-4(a), “Every person operating a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon a roadway **shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable**, obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.”

However, ORC 4511.55 and 4511.25 clarify that cyclists are allowed to move away from the right side of the roadway under the following situations:

- When it is unreasonable or unsafe to remain to the right
- To avoid fixed or moving objects
- To avoid parked or moving vehicles
- To avoid surface hazards
- When the lane is too narrow for the bicycle and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane other situations where it is unreasonable or unsafe to stay to the right may include:
- When preparing to make a left turn
- When a right-turn-only lane is present but you wish to continue straight-ahead

DOES A CYCLIST HAVE TO RIDE IN A BIKE LANE IF ONE IS PRESENT?

Many cyclists feel safer riding in bike lanes and prefer to use them; however, there are **no regulations** which state that bicyclists must use a bike lane when one is provided.

IS IT LEGAL FOR CYCLISTS TO RIDE TWO ABREAST?

According to CMC 506-4 (c), **it is legal to ride two abreast**. However it is not legal to ride more than two abreast in a single lane except during legally permitted events.

IS IT LEGAL TO RIDE ON THE SIDEWALK?

Only those who are **15 years old or younger** may ride on the sidewalk. In these situations the cyclist must always yield to pedestrians (CMC 506-5).

However, some wider sidewalks are specifically designated for joint use by bicyclists (of all ages) with pedestrians. A special sign indicates the limits of these “shared paths” (CMC 501-1-B3).

Additionally, named bike-hike trails (i.e. Ohio River Trail) sometimes use wide sidewalks and are designated with more specific signs.

CAN CARS BE PARKED IN A BIKE LANE?

No, according to CMC 506-61, “Except for the operator of a bus entering or exiting an authorized bus stop, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not drive, unless entering or exiting a legal parking space or driveway, upon any on-street path or lane designated by official signs or markings for the exclusive use of bicycles or otherwise drive or place the vehicle in such a manner as to impede bicycle traffic on such path or lane.

DOES CINCINNATI HAVE A 3-FOOT PASSING LAW?

Yes, CMC 506-71 (b) states that, “The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a roadway shall leave a safe distance, but not less than 3 feet, when passing the bicycle and shall maintain that distance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.



Cincy Red Bike has taken a proactive approach in keeping their clients safe and aware of applicable expectations for riders. Each of their bikes is clearly marked for easy reminders of basic cycling codes of conduct.



It is That Time of Year Again



School is back in session and we all must add extra time and patience to our commutes. Drive defensively and make sure to add pedestrians on the sidewalk to your sphere of attention. Do not drive while distracted, you will need both hands and your full attention to miss a school child who may run across the street without looking. **The speed limit in all School Zones is 20 miles per hour. You must also be aware of and obey Crossing Guards which are located at intersections near schools and some midblock crossings.**

Two-Lane Roads - For two-lane roads, all traffic must stop for a school bus no matter which direction it's traveling. Traffic must stop at least 10 feet away from the school bus, whether coming from its front or rear.

Highways with Four or More Lanes - On roads with four or more lanes, only traffic moving in the same direction as the bus must stop when the school bus stops to release passengers. Traffic coming from the opposite direction doesn't have to stop in these instances. To facilitate this law, children are dropped off on the same side of the road as their residences, so they won't have to cross the street.

LEGAL UPDATES

(CMC) Sec. 910-13. Interference With Pedestrian or Vehicular Traffic

No one may interfere with pedestrian traffic on a public sidewalk. This means that a person may not walk, stand, sit, lie, or grab, touch or approach another person, in a public place so as to block, interfere with, or impede the passage of any person.

Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree which means that a physical arrest and trip to the justice center is an option for the officer.

Trivia Question Answer:

Approximately 1000 people and in the same year Losantiville (the original name of Cincinnati) was incorporated as a town.

Safety Tips

Criminals look into cars.



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**
2nd Thursday of the Month at 2:00 p.m.
Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce – 1431 Walnut Street
- **West End Safety Sector Meeting**
4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
City West Community Room – 1202 Linn Street
- **Pendleton Safety Sector Meeting (May 21st is First Meeting)**
3rd 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.

