



**HURSTVILLE SECURITY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

2017 Report to Residents

December 15, 2017

Dear Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District Resident,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and happy this holiday season. We are pleased to once again report that the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District (“Hurstville”) continues to be one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. Unfortunately, the District did experience a major incident this year. On July 24th, NOPD Officer Chris Abbott was shot while he was on patrol in the District. Officer Abbott was fired upon by an assailant who drove past his vehicle. Officer Abbott was struck in the knee and was immediately taken to the hospital by first responders. As a result of this incident, Hurstville added additional patrols and increased the hours of coverage in order to keep the District safe. Officers were instructed to activate their overhead lights in the weeks following the shooting in an effort to increase the visibility of our officers in the area. As of this correspondence, the perpetrator(s) remain unidentified.

Sometimes a tragic event has a way of bringing out the best in people and Officer Abbott’s shooting is a prime example. Immediately following the incident, there was an outpouring of support for Officer Abbott. The Hurstville Board established a GoFundMe account that raised over \$10,000 for Officer Abbott and his family. Similarly, several Hurstville residents organized a highly successful lemonade and bake sale that raised an additional \$800 for Officer Abbott. We are pleased to report that Officer Abbott’s condition continues to improve despite having three surgeries. Officer Abbott is looking forward to returning to his patrol duties as soon as he is cleared by his doctors and the police department.

The following will provide you with additional information about Hurstville.

Lighting

As everyone is aware, proper lighting is vital to crime prevention. A survey was conducted this past year to determine parts of Hurstville that would benefit from additional street lighting. The survey revealed numerous locations suffering from low lighting and, as a result, Hurstville commissioned the installation of additional street lighting in those identified areas of concern.

Security District Communications

Hurstville launched its new website last year which allows us to easily communicate with our residents. Please check out the website for safety and crime alerts and feel free to contact us at www.hurstvillesecurity.com if you are not receiving the emails.

2018 Hurstville Fee

The 2018 fee for Hurstville residents will increase \$25 from \$455 per parcel to \$480. This increase is the first since 2010. This fee is in line with our two abutting districts: Twinbrook - \$475 and Audubon - \$525. We are pleased to provide only commissioned law enforcement officers in Hurstville rather than private patrol security guards. We believe that police officers, while more expensive than security guards, are a greater deterrent to crime because of their visibility, training, and arrest powers. There are approximately 760 properties in the District and more than 72% of the revenue collected is used to pay for the patrol officers. The other budgeted expenses include communications, administration, insurance and other safety related measures for the area.

HSD Patrol Activity

Our patrol supervisor, retired NOPD Lt. Carl Perillioux, continually monitors crime trends in the NOPD’s 2nd District and proactively deploys additional officers to protect Hurstville residents and their property. The mix of NOPD and Orleans Levee Police marked police units as well as some unmarked police vehicles has again proven effective this past year. All Hurstville patrol officers are equipped with a cell phone and a radio to ensure immediate contact with each other and with Hurstville residents. Additionally, our GPS tracking system provides accountability for each officer on duty.

The following chart reflects the crime activity within the Hurstville boundaries compared with the previous years. This year, data provided through 12/6/17, HSD officers handled 2,015 calls for escorts, 77 residences alarms, 3 auto alarms, 2868 residence checks, 420 pedestrian checks, 130 business checks and 629 vehicle checks. The crime in the District remains low relative to most other parts of the city and some areas very close to HSD.

Our patrol supervisor reports that of seven of the eight vehicular burglaries involved cars that were left unlocked. Similarly, eight of the ten auto thefts involved unlocked vehicles or situations where the key FOB was likely stored within transmission range of the car allowing unfettered access.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Carjacking	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Armed Robbery	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Burglary	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	2
Residence Burglary	4	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	2
Vehicle Burglary	11	9	6	9	10	13	10	9	8
Theft	4	3	3	1	10	3	6	4	2
Auto Theft	4	4	2	2	2	6	1	2	10
Bicycle Theft	2	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Reminders

Hurstville decals to identify your vehicle for the patrol officers as well as Hurstville patrol number stickers are free to all Hurstville residents. Simply contact the office via email at hurstville@bellsouth.net if you would like to request either of the Hurstville decals. In addition, please do not forget to call the Hurstville patrol number to have an officer meet you or your family at your home when you desire an escort.

Finally, please be sure to remove all of your belongings from your vehicle and lock your car. Nearly all of the incidents this year were “crimes of opportunity” and were avoidable if only the residents would remember to lock their vehicles. It has also been widely reported that on some of the keyless cars, the FOBs, even when stored inside the home, are not far enough away from the car to allow it to truly lock, thus allowing access to the vehicle without force. In fact, the NOPD estimates that nine out of ten auto burglaries in New Orleans were a result of the car being left unlocked and valuables being left in plain sight. Please help us keep the neighborhood safe by reducing the opportunity for crime.

We Want Your Feedback

Your feedback is very important so please feel free to send your comments or concerns via email to hurstville@bellsouth.net.

We hope your new year is safe, happy, and healthy!

Sincerely,

Brian M. Klebba

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