



**HURSTVILLE SECURITY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

2019 Report to Residents

December 28, 2019

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. The following will provide you with additional information about the District.

HSD Patrol Activity

Our patrol supervisor, retired NOPD Lt. Carl Perilloux, 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 12/1/19, HSD officers handled 1732 calls for escorts, 104 residence alarms, 2592 residence checks, 372 pedestrian checks, 227 business checks and 615 vehicle checks. During the parade season, there were no incidents reported. Overall, crime in the District remains low relative to most other parts of the city.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Carjacking	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0	2	0
Armed Robbery	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	1
Residence Burglary	4	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	2	0	1
Vehicle Burglary	11	9	6	9	10	13	10	9	8	17	26
Theft	4	3	3	1	10	3	6	4	2	3	5
Auto Theft	4	4	2	2	2	6	1	2	10	4	3
Bicycle Theft	2	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0

Nine of the vehicle burglaries occurred on vehicles were left UNLOCKED.

Seventeen of the vehicle’s burglaries had their front door window smashed. There has been an increase in vehicle burglaries throughout the entire uptown area and the city.

During the uptown parade period there was no reported criminal activity in the Hurstville Improvement District.

Explanation of Serious Incidents:

On June 17th there was an armed robbery at a drug store at 4900 Prytania St. The perpetrators involved open fire on the responding Second District Officers. One of the officers was struck during the exchange of gun fire. The subjects were arrested and the officer has made a full recovery.

There have been numerous vehicle burglaries that have occurred in the Hurstville area and surrounding neighborhoods. The perpetrators are pulling on the vehicle door handles. When they find a locked vehicle with property in plain view, they smash the window to gain entry.

On May 27th a Hurstville Patrol Officer received a call from a Hurstville resident who resides on Joseph Street. The resident explained to the officer that he had just observed an unknown white male subject pulling on several door handles of vehicle parked in the 1600 block of Joseph Street. The resident gave a description of the subject and informed the officer that the subject was standing on the corner of Joseph and St. Charles Ave. as they were speaking.

The Hurstville officer contacted the second patrol officer working the Hurstville patrol. The officers coordinated their approach and successfully detained the subject. While questioning the subject the resident who had witnessed the

incident arrived at the location and positively identified the subject as the person he had observed. The subject was arrested for the attempted vehicle burglaries. The HSD Officers were thankful for the resident's assistance in this incident.

On April 2nd the Hurstville Patrol Officers responded to a call of assistance from the Second District. The incident occurred in the 6000 block of Constance Street. There was a call of subjects pulling on vehicle door handles. The two the Hurstville patrol officers arrived to assist the Second District and made five apprehensions.

These incidents of subjects smashing vehicle windows is not just a Hurstville Neighborhood problem. The New Orleans Police Department is dealing with this throughout the city.

2019 Hurstville Fee

The 2020 fee for Hurstville residents will remain the same at \$505 for the year. This fee is in line with our two abutting districts: Twinbrook - \$475 and Audubon - \$525. We are pleased to continue 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.

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.

Please be sure to remove all of your belongings from your vehicle and lock your car. Many of the vehicle incidents this year were "crimes of opportunity" and were avoidable if only the residents would remember to lock their vehicles. Please help us keep the neighborhood safe by reducing this opportunity.

Lighting

As everyone is aware, proper lighting is essential to crime prevention. In the past, HSD added security lights to areas of the neighborhood with poor lighting and will continue to do so where needed. We encourage you to add lights to your own property to help fight crime and keep us all safe. You can also add lights to the existing street pole near your home. Entergy will install the fixture for free and charge a monthly usage fee (from \$15/month) that can be added to your Entergy bill. Please see the Entergy website for more information.

We Want Your Feedback

Please check out the HSD website to sign up for our safety and crime alerts: www.hurstvillesecurity.com and feel free to contact us at hurstville@bellsouth.net. We'd love to hear from you.

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

Sincerely,

The HSD Board of Commissioners

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