



**HURSTVILLE SECURITY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

2021 Year End Report to Residents

December 28, 2021

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” or “HSD”) 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 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 during 2021. This year, data provided through 12/27/21, HSD officers handled 1262 calls for escorts, 57 residence alarms, 1853 residence checks, and 132 business checks. Overall, crime in the District remains low relative to most other parts of the city.

Carjacking	1	Vehicle Burglary	24
Armed Robbery	0	Bicycle Theft	1
Burglary	3	Auto Theft	4
Residence Burglary	2	Simple Theft	5

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

13 of the vehicle burglaries had their window smashed. There has been an increase in vehicle burglariesthroughout the entire uptown area and the city. The police have made several arrests of individuals responsible for these incidents including several in the Hurstville area.

Serious Patrol Incidents

On February 11th at approximately 4:00 a.m. the Hurstville Patrol responded to a residence alarm in the 5600 block of Prytania Street. A Second District NOPD police unit arrived at the same time. The officers were met by the homeowner, who informed them that he was awakened by his home security alarm and found an unknown white male in his home.

He told the officers that he shouted to the subject that he had a gun and ordered the subject to get on his knees and put his hands up. The homeowner stated that the subject ran from the house. The wanted subject was described as a white male in his late teens to early 20's with medium length.

The officers reviewed the home video security system. and they observed that prior to the break-in, the subject was seen pacing back and forth in front of the home while on his cell phone. From observing the home video the officers suspected that the subject may have been intoxicated. The officers canvassed the area but couldn't locate the subject.

On December 14th at about 4:30 p.m. the victim, a Hurstville resident who lives nearby, was dropping off a package in the 1000 block of Octavia Street. She left her vehicle running while placing the package on the porch. As she returned to her vehicle, an unknown black male wearing a black hoodie and a face mask was getting into her to her vehicle. She began yelling at the subject. He jumped out of her vehicle, ran and got into a black BMW occupied by three additional black males and fled the area.

Numerous vehicle burglaries have occurred in the Hurstville area and surrounding neighborhoods. 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. The Hurstville Officers are doing their best to prevent these types of incidents.

HSD officers are thankful to all residents for reporting any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Residents should always call **911 FIRST** and then call the patrol number (504) 432-8818.

Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida made landfall on Sunday, August 29th. The Hurstville Officers were able to re-establish patrols by 11:00 a.m. the next day, Monday, August 30th. Patrolling was made difficult by downed trees and power lines throughout the neighborhood, but the officers did their best to patrol as much of the neighborhood as possible during the immediate aftermath of the storm.

2022 Hurstville Fee

The annual 2021 fee for Hurstville homeowners remained at \$530 for the year. This fee is in line with our two abutting districts: Audubon - \$575 and Twinbrook - \$495. 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 remove the temptation of the valuables left in 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,
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