# Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District

A message from the Hurstville Board:

Dear Neighbors:

The Board of the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District have been following the rash of Uptown carjackings. Everyone on the Board lives in Hurstville, and we share your concern about the uptick in violent crime. We apologize for this long message, but some neighbors have asked for information that we want to send to everyone. One important thing you can do is call the Hurstville patrol for an escort to and from your house: **504-432-8818**. Please be patient. The officer(s) may be assisting others, and due to finances, we do not have officers on duty at all hours of the day.

#### **Hurstville** Action

Some neighbors have asked what the District can do to address Uptown crime. Unfortunately, crime is a city-wide problem with structural roots beyond the District's capacity to resolve. That being said:

- Our patrol supervisor is analyzing current crime patterns to tweak patrol schedules.
- $\cdot$  We are attending a meeting of Uptown security patrol organizations to consider coordinated action.
- $\cdot$  We are forming a committee to consider installation of crime cameras in the neighborhood.

### NOPD Tips

Certain neighbors asked for tips regarding carjackings. We located an NOPD video with tips to avoid a carjacking:

• Walk to and from your car with a purpose.

 $\cdot$  Approach the car with key in hand. Exit the car quickly and walk quickly to your destination.

- · Look around before entering or exiting your car and stay alert.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy, drive the block prior to parking.
- Park in well-lighted areas at night.
- Avoid parking near things that obstruct your view.
- Do not leave valuables in your car.

#### ...and tips if you are a victim of a carjacking:

- · If threatened by an assailant, give up the car. No car is worth your life.
- · Leave the area quickly.

 $\cdot$  Remember details of your assailants, such as sex, race, age, hair and eye colors, height, and clothing.

Report the crime immediately to police.

#### One thing we would like to add:

 $\cdot$  Following an incident, check security cameras and send to police useful video information.

#### **Reported Crime Data**

Some neighbors asked for information on reported crimes. To avoid reporting incorrect information, we only report crimes that are reported to us from official sources, but here are some sites you can access with information on reported crimes:

- · NOPD Crime Map <u>NOPD Data City of New Orleans (nola.gov)</u>
- · LexisNexis Community Crime Map

 $\underline{https://communitycrimemap.com/?address=New\%20Orleans, LA & startDate=30 & endDate=0$ 

- · NOPD Facebook Page <u>https://www.facebook.com/NOPDNews</u>
- · NextDoor.com <u>Nextdoor</u>

Thank you for your concern. Please be very careful entering and exiting your vehicles. And follow the NOPD tips to stay safe.

Please be careful and observant of your surroundings.

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## To reach the Hurstville Security Patrol, please call 432-8818