



**HURSTVILLE SECURITY  
AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**2020 Year End Report to Residents**

January 5, 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 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 12/30/20, HSD officers handled 1701 calls for escorts, 99 residence alarms, 2588 residence checks, 327 pedestrian checks, 213 business checks and 584 vehicle checks. Overall, crime in the District remains low relative to most other parts of the city.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Carjacking	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0	2	0	1
Armed Robbery	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	1	1
Residence Burglary	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	0
Vehicle Burglary	9	6	9	10	13	10	9	8	17	26	28
Theft	3	3	1	10	3	6	4	2	3	5	9
Auto Theft	4	2	2	2	6	1	2	10	4	3	9
Bicycle Theft	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	4
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0

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

13 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. The police have made several arrests of individuals responsible for these incidents including several in the Hurstville area.

**Serious Incidents:**

On October 25<sup>th</sup> there was an armed carjacking that happened in the 1400 block of Nashville Ave. The perpetrator walked up to the victim as he was seated in his vehicle texting. The victim did not observe the subject approaching until the subject opened his driver’s door, pointed a weapon at him and demanded his vehicle. The subject fled the area in the vehicle. The victim was not injured.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> at about 3:40 p.m. the victim was walking in the 5300 block of Chestnut Street when an unknown make and model vehicle stopped and a male subject got out of the vehicle and pointed a weapon at the victim. He demanded the victim’s property and after the property was surrendered, he got back into the vehicle and fled the area. The victim was not physically harmed but was emotionally shaken up.

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

**2021 Hurstville Fee**

The annual 2021 fee for Hurstville homeowners increased by \$25 to \$530 for the year. This fee is in line with our two abutting districts: Audubon - \$550 and Twinbrook - \$475. 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. Moreover, this slight increase ensures HSD's ability to provide police patrols at a time when the city has demonstrated a willingness to furlough members of the NOPD and crime is trending upward. 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](mailto: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](http://www.hurstvillesecurity.com) and feel free to contact us at [hurstville@bellsouth.net](mailto: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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