

**Rogers Park, 24<sup>th</sup> Police District, Beat 2431**  
**CAPS Meeting, May 21, 2007**  
**Rogers Park Community Council Office**  
**1530 W. Morse Avenue**  
<http://caps24.org>

Officiates:

Jayne Hoffman, Beat co-Facilitator, CAPS Beat 2431

Sergeant Baranowski, Beat Team Leader, Chicago Police Department

Jennifer Caruso, Notes Recorder

*Meeting notes are paraphrased, quotations are marked accordingly.*

- I. Welcome and introductions:** 7:00 pm: Sgt. Baranowski introduced himself. The remaining officers and the meeting Facilitator introduced themselves. Introductions went around the room of citizens attending the meeting.
- II. Police crime report:** Sgt. Baranowski presented top ten – Narcotics – 9; Battery simple - 7, domestic battery - 7, criminal damage to property – 7; theft from building – 4; manufacture & delivery of narcotics – 4; theft >\$300.00 – 3; deceptive practice (theft from stores) – 3; assault simple – 2; motor vehicle theft – 2. In the previous year, there was one aggravated battery with a firearm and one assault with a firearm. This year, there are none. Compared to last year, total robbery incidents are down 33%, aggravated assault/battery are down 44%, burglary incidents are up 9%, total thefts are down 30%, motor vehicle thefts are down 26%, assault/battery stayed the same, and narcotic arrests are up 48.4%. There were 58 arrests this period; 52 in the previous period. Crime statistics are available at <http://caps24.org> or at [www.chicagocrime.org](http://www.chicagocrime.org).
- III. Updates on old problems:** At the previous meeting, we discussed the squatter issue at Loyola Park. The conversation involved finding ways to minimize or get rid of the squatters from taking over the park. A resident mentioned that he and two others have been conducting walkthroughs of the park around 11:00 p.m. If squatters are present, residents call 9-1-1. So far, the police have been very responsive. Sgt. Baranowski advised the residents that any abandoned property (such as bedding, etc.) that is found, may be thrown away. One resident inquired as to why lifeguards do not use whistles. Sgt. Baranowski responded that it's up to the Park District whether they are issued whistles or not. He elaborated that the main function of lifeguards is to save lives. They are not there to enforce the rules of the Park District. Residents were advised that the headquarters of the Park District is located on Touhy Avenue.

#### **IV. Identify new problem areas:**

- One resident inquired as to whether she can photograph dogs on the beach. There are concerns that certain breeds of unleashed dogs put children at risk. Sgt. Baranowski responded by saying that they cannot ticket violators using photographs or video obtained by residents. The police must be on the scene witnessing these acts in order to issue a violation. If residents do witness any violations, they are to call 9-1-1.
- One resident inquired about putting a patrol on Glenwood (northbound) between Farwell and Morse Avenues because of motorists exceeding the speed limit. Sgt. Baranowski responded that he would investigate.
- A resident expressed concern regarding graffiti on postal mailboxes on Glenwood and Farwell Avenue. Sgt. Baranowski advised the resident that the matter should be reported to the U.S. Postal Service.
- Sgt. Baranowski inquired as to whether any residents present at the meeting live in either of the buildings at 1340 Lunt Avenue or 1345 Morse Avenue. There were no respondents.

#### **V. Announcements:**

- Cease Fire week will be June 9-16th. There will be a community march on June 11<sup>th</sup>, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. Residents were encouraged to participate. Flyers will be distributed in the upcoming week. A Cease Fire event organizer inquired as to who he should communicate with from the 24th District in order to set-up the event with maximum police cooperation. Sgt. Baranowski responded that he will notify Sgt. Clark of the event, and advised Cease Fire to also contact Sgt. Clark. Cease Fire is also painting a mural during the Artist's of the Wall Event on June 16, 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A resident also mentioned that he has flyers to distribute which notify residents that it is unlawful for bicyclists over 12 years of age to ride their bicycles on the sidewalk. Flyers were also generated displaying the beat boundaries. A CAPS television program can be viewed on Sundays at 11:30 p.m.
- Jayne Hoffman encouraged residents to post flyers on weekends preceding the scheduled beat meetings. If interested in posting flyers on your block area, contact Jayne at any the end of the beat meeting.
- The next beat walk will take place on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Starting point will be at 1345 W. Morse Avenue.
- The next beat meeting will be on Monday, June 18, 2007 at the Rogers Park Community Council, located at 1530 W. Morse Avenue.
- Meeting adjourned by Sgt. Baranowski at 7:25 p.m.