

ANC 1A Public Safety Committee Report for April 11, 2012

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NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE EVENT: NWSHCA Community Public Forum

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, St Stephens Church, 1525 Newton St NW (16th Street-side, Upstairs Auditorium)

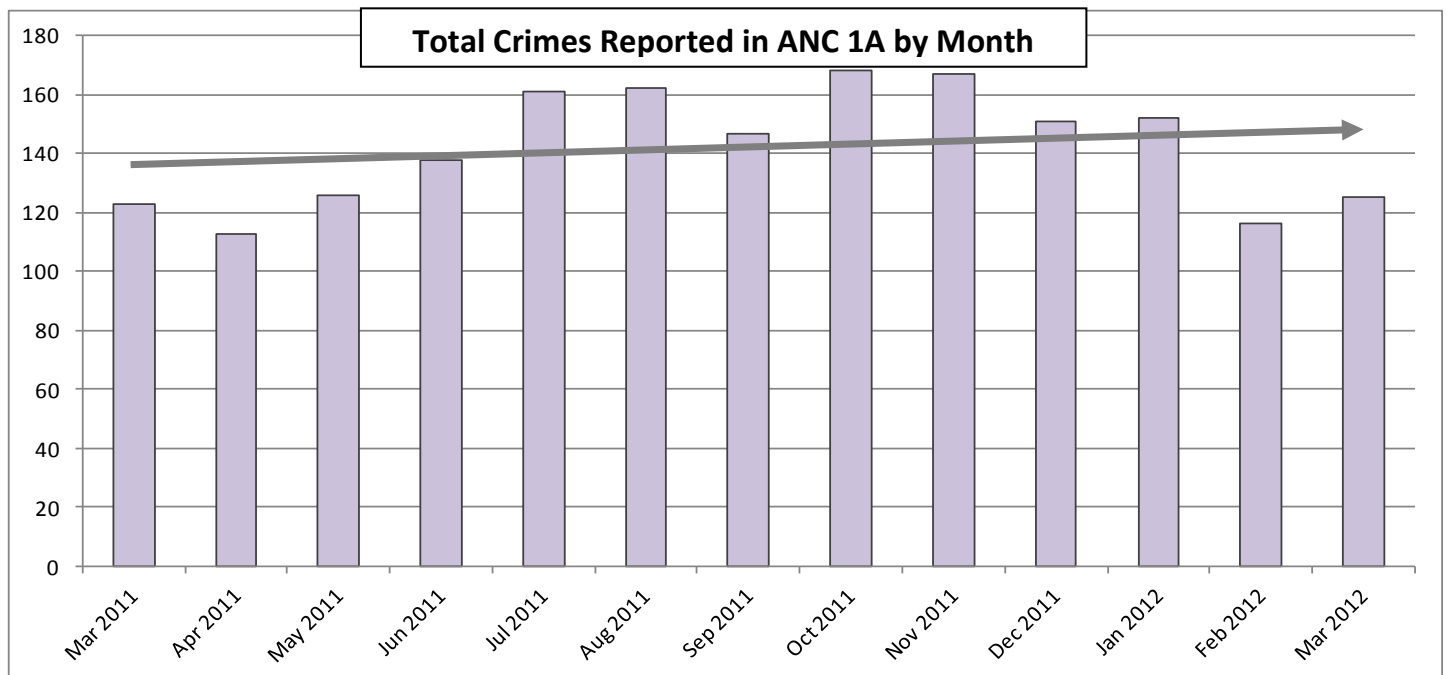
This Month's Crime: The cyclical trend continues, thefts-from-auto are slightly down, perhaps under-reported

Crimes Reported in ANC 1A															
March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012															
Crimes Reported by Month:	<-----2011----->											<-----2012----->			Total
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR		
ADW	6	10	6	6	9	4	6	8	4	6	9	5	5	84	
ARSON								1						1	
BURGLARY	23	17	7	15	11	4	10	13	7	11	9	8	2	137	
HOMICIDE		1			2						1			4	
ROBBERY	17	20	23	32	26	31	33	35	23	19	27	13	15	314	
ASSAULT W/INTENT	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	2	4	1		2	22	
ATTEMPT			2	1				1	2			1		7	
CAR JACKING			1											1	
F&V	6	5	5	13	14	13	20	12	9	5	10	5	3	120	
FEAR		1		2	3	2		2	2	4	1	2		19	
GUN	5	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	1	2	11	1	2	68	
KNIFE	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	19	
OTHER ARMED	1			1		3		1					1	7	
P/P, PBS, SNATCH	3	3	3	6	2	5	4	5	5	3	3	3	6	51	
SEX ABUSE	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	1		1			1	16	
STOLEN AUTO	7	3	6	4	10	5	5	8	10	5	8	6	10	80	
THEFT	47	42	50	52	64	58	50	54	42	57	50	44	57	667	
THEFT F/AUTO	28	19	33	28	37	58	39	48	81	52	48	40	35	546	
Total	130	113	126	138	161	162	147	168	167	151	152	116	125	1849	

Source: MPD's "Crimemap" - <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/intro.asp>. Note: There may be variations in past months' totals based on updates or new reports.

Key to Crime Abbreviations:	
ADW = Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	Robbery:
Sex Abuse = Rape & Other Sexual Assaults Against Children or Adults	F&V = Force and Violence (A Beating, No Weapon)
Theft F/Auto = Theft from Auto (Car Break-ins)	P/P = Pickpocket
	PBS = Pocketbook Snatch (Purse Snatching)

The trendline seems to be getting flatter:



Community Criminal Justice Accountability Initiative: Protecting the Next Victim is Everyone's Responsibility!

Many people in our community are not aware of the problem of chronic repeat criminal offenders in our community. The same defendants are arrested, sentenced and then released, only to commit more crimes. It's up to us to help "close the revolving door" and make sure that our system hands down meaningful sentencing, along with appropriate rehabilitation.

What can *YOU* do? You can help by writing Community Impact Statements for cases now **pending sentencing**. For more information, send an e-mail to nwchca@gmail.com for more information.

CCJAI Cases Pending Sentencing: Find out more at <https://www.dccourts.gov/ccj/>

Sentencing Date	DCSC Case No	Arrest Date	Defendant's Name	Papered Lead Charge	Location of Offense
04/20/2012	2011CF3010322	06/02/2011	RAMIREZ, EDBIN	ROBBERY WHILE ARMED	1400 BLK PARK RD NW
04/23/2012	2011CF2017576	09/09/2011	BROWN, WILLIAM B	DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	3540 14TH ST NW
04/23/2012	2011CF2017571	09/09/2011	GREEN, KELLY	DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	3540 14TH ST NW
04/23/2012	2011CF2023336	12/03/2011	LANCASTER, JOSEPH R	CONTEMPT	3220 GEORGIA AVE NW
04/24/2012	2009CF2019233	09/03/2009	JOHNSON, JAJUAN	DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1300 BLK PARKWOOD PL NW
04/24/2012	2011CF3016000	08/19/2011	BROWN, TYRONE J	ASSAULT W/I TO ROB	2250 SHERMAN AVE NW
04/30/2012	2011CF3020987	10/28/2011	WILLIAMS, SHAWN	ROBBERY	3030 14TH ST NW
05/04/2012	2011CF3021085	11/01/2011	NICHOLS, LATRAE	ROBBERY	1400 EUCLID ST NW
05/08/2012	2012CF3001344	01/22/2012	ELLIOTT, JOHNWANN J	ROBBERY	1845 HARVARD ST NW

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: What Now for Neighborhood Watch Since the Trayvon Martin Tragedy?

The Trayvon Martin tragedy has become a teachable moment for our nation. Has this incident made you feel afraid or embarrassed about being a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain? Have your neighbors been afraid or embarrassed to be a part of your block group as a result of this tragedy? Please tell me your stories, and your ideas on how we can continue the good work of promoting public safety and building our communities, given the fact that the name "Neighborhood Watch" has been tarnished by this senseless murder. George Zimmerman's actions were not consistent with the training, tenets or spirit of Neighborhood Watch.

I have my own feelings and perspectives about the risks of community crime-fighting. In 2004, when I first bought my house in a neighborhood where drug dealing and street prostitution were common, I turned a "blind-eye" to criminal activity. I thought I'd gotten a decent buy on a beautiful older rowhouse in a neighborhood that was surely about to "turn," given the new development coming--including Target and the DC USA Shopping Center, so I was prepared to wait and see.

Back in 2004, there was a much different crowd of drug dealers and drug users near my front door--a little older, and very friendly. These folks are almost all gone now. These neighborhood characters would greet my housemates and me as we came and went. We liked them, and we had friendly relationships. We never called the police for anything; we would just go inside, and close our door. These guys kept an eye on me, my home and the neighborhood. Although there was criminal activity going on, I believe they did keep some crime away--burglars and thieves would bring police--bad for their business.

One day, I came home to see one of these guys, "Moses," being arrested in the street in front of my house. I did not know what had happened, but it was quite a scene. There were two patrol cars and several cops. A police officer had Moses over the hood of a patrol car, cuffing his hands behind his back. I looked into his eyes--I saw fear, shame and sadness. I was shaking with fear. I was very upset.

It took hours for me to settle down, and to understand my own feelings. I realized that I was frightened *FOR* Moses, not *OF* Moses! I'd never considered him dangerous in all the months I'd known him, but I knew that so many times bad things can happen when police, armed with guns, get involved.

By 2007, a series of events led me to change: I became a Neighborhood Watch leader and began to pursue strategic partnerships with law enforcement, city government and other agencies responsible for criminal justice and public order.

But I often worry. I worry that if I call the police, or if I encourage others to call the police, there could be an unjustified police shooting. Or someone else, even a police officer, could get hurt or killed. For the most part, I put these fears aside, use my best judgment and raise issues appropriately. But I still consider the possible consequences.

How about you? Please share your thoughts: nwchca@gmail.com