



THE BLUE LINE NEWSLETTER

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OCD Does it Again, and Again



The Baltimore Police Department's Organized Crime Division continues to do what it does best - take big bites out of Baltimore City's illegal narcotics trade. As of September 28, OCD had served more than 1022 search and seizure warrants, seized 523 guns, 152 kilos of cocaine, 28 kilos of heroin and 3044 pounds of marijuana, and confiscated more than eight million dollars in cash.

The unit's latest major initiative was completed on September 27. That's when a three-month long investigation culminated in the seizure of more than 200 pounds of marijuana and \$178,000 in cash, as well as the arrests of five people who were supplying marijuana to the northwest, northern and eastern sections of the city. Outstanding work!

A Reminder

The Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System (F&P) has relocated from their temporary offices on the 4th floor of 7 East Redwood Street to their permanent offices on the 18th and 19th floors of 7 East Redwood Street. F&P member services are on the 18th floor, while F&P administration, accounting, information technology and personnel offices are on the 19th floor.

P.A.L. Center Mural



A fantastic mural, entitled "Pick Up a Passion," was recently completed at the Carroll Park P.A.L. Center. The mural, which is located at the back of the center, was designed and painted by a group of children from Tony Shore's Access Arts program, as well as a number of kids from the Bayard street neighborhood in the Southern district. The project is part of the Casey Foundation's "Peace, Safety, and Murals" program, whose goal is to use murals to convey the many dangers and ill-effects of gun violence. Check it out when you get a chance.



COMSTAT DATA YEAR-TO-DATE EASTERN DISTRICT

Total Crime	-18%
Violent Crime	-20%
Homicides	-42%
Shootings	-16%
Robberies	-25%
Agg. Assaults	-16%
Burglaries	-33%
Larcenies	-25%

Baltimore Police Grab One of America's Most Wanted



Jamel Stevens had robbed 30 New York City hair-braiding stores earlier this year when he suddenly disappeared at the end of April. Fast-forward three months to August 9 and head south two hundred miles to West North Avenue here in Baltimore. That's when

and where another hair braiding store was robbed at knifepoint. Detectives working the case developed sources who identified the suspect as a homeless man. Detective Alan Savage eventually found Stevens at Mercy Hospital, where Stevens had gone to be treated for a toothache. When confronted, Stevens gave Det. Savage various dates of birth, and the only identification he had with him was a New York-issued social security number. Undeterred, Det. Savage then called his counterparts at the New York Police Department, who knew from the sound of the crime that the man in custody was, in fact, the infamous braid store bandit. Stevens is now being held at Central Booking. If the story sounds familiar, perhaps you saw the recent episode of America's Most Wanted that featured Stevens's crime spree. Congratulations to all the officers who played a role in Stevens's arrest. To read more about this case visit: www.amw.com

Attacking the Narcotics Trade from Every Angle

On August 3, Detective David Shields, along with members of the Western District Drug Unit, executed a search and seizure warrant at Tiffany's Mart on West Fayette Street, where they found a large cache of packaging materials. More than 47 boxes of packaging material with an estimated street value of over \$20,000 was seized, which should serve as a reminder that trafficking in any aspect of the drug trade will simply not be tolerated in Baltimore.

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

The Homewood Campus of the Johns Hopkins University is hiring additional uniformed, off-duty Baltimore City Police officers to provide foot patrols in areas adjacent to the Homewood Campus in the Charles Village area. If you're interested, contact Lt. Tom Douglas at (410) 516-8985 (office) or (443) 224-4679 (Nextel) to arrange to receive an application and an interview. Officers can also pick up applications at the security hub in the lower level of Johns Hopkins's Shriver Hall.

Following Tips

On August 17, members of the Northeastern District Flex Operations Unit received information about a substantial amount of marijuana being stored inside an apartment in the Northwood Apartment complex off Loch Raven Boulevard.



An investigation was initiated and a search and seizure warrant was obtained. When they got into the apartment, officers found more than 75 pounds of marijuana in the floor of the rear bedroom.

An additional search and seizure warrant was then obtained for a house in the Woodlawn area of Baltimore County. The execution of that warrant yielded information that could play a major role in the prosecution of the case.

Job Well Done

On August 3, members of the Western District and Southwestern District Operations Units conducted an initiative in areas that had recently been affected by violent crime. The initiative primarily focused on the North Avenue corridor from Monroe Street to Poplar Grove Street. As a result of the initiative, 50 people were arrested and a total of 28 car stops, 61 stop and frisks, 67 warrant checks, and 2 search and seizure warrants were executed. One of the search and seizure warrants was executed at a business where 43 cases of narcotics packaging materials were seized. What's more, the initiative produced valuable information regarding 3 homicides and 3 non-fatal shootings.

Officer of the Month

Officer Michael Reynolds was chosen as the Southwestern District Officer of the Month for July 2005. Sergeant Michael Guzman reports that in the 31 days of July, Officer Reynolds made 15 arrests, responded to 103 calls for service, issued 26 civil citations and 2 criminal citations. His productivity was all the more remarkable when you consider that Officer Reynolds also took 10 vacation days in July; 10 well-earned vacation days.