

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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**Council Meeting Date: April 7, 2009**

**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager  
**THROUGH:** Susan Thorpe, Deputy City Manager *ST*  
**FROM:** Rocky Smith, Deputy Police Chief  
**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood Livability Community Policing Plan

**SUMMARY:**

Over the last year we have collected data regarding crime and livability issues within the City. The southeastern portion of our city has been identified as an area that records a higher number of offense based and neighborhood livability incidents than other areas of the City. This area is bordered by 67<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Avenues and Olive and Cactus Roads and is within three separate City Council Districts, the Willow and Acacia Districts and on the southeast corner of the Mesquite District. These calls run the full spectrum, from loose animal complaints to homicide. This area of the City includes many neighborhoods and business areas that are suffering from deterioration with abandoned homes and vehicles, violations of city codes involving home and property maintenance, parking violations, gangs, graffiti, and other signs of blight.

Building upon the *B-4 Program*, this Patrol Policing Plan for 2009 is being designed to focus all police operations (patrol, traffic, investigations and crime prevention) within this large area to address the myriad of issues identified by the public and the police department. This will in effect continue, or expand the original *B-4 Program* by assimilating this area into the larger *Operation Red Zone*.

We are currently reviewing data collected to fully understand the issues as they impact each policing shift. For example, issues on Shift I Patrol could involve mainly business and schools. Issues on Shift II Patrol could involve a great deal of domestic violence issues. Shift III Patrol issues could involved mainly gangs and drug violations.

In addition to our detailed review, we held two community meetings. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ira Murphy School and on March 25<sup>th</sup> Sundance School, members of police command staff and various other divisions of the City met with almost 300 citizens. During these meetings we collected information which we will incorporate into our policing plan goals

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and what the citizen's wish us to accomplish in this area.

Our goal is to improve the quality of life within the various neighborhoods within this area by working with other city departments and organizations in an effort to reduce the number of crimes and overall blight. Code Enforcement will provide at least one Code Enforcement Officer to assist with this program who will be available by phone at all times. Park Rangers will also be utilized in the four parks located within this area. The City Prosecutors Office will be monitoring cases that come from this area and principals of the schools within this area will also be coordinated with. In addition, as we enter the operational phase of this program (estimated April 1, 2009), we will make every effort to identify and utilize private concerns to assist us in reaching the overall goal – to provide a superior quality of life to our citizen's.