



*New Orleans Police Department
Fifth District
November 2020 Community Newsletter*

From the Captain's Desk

Greetings from the Fifth District,



Last month was a challenging one for the New Orleans Police Department. Two of our fellow officers were ambushed in the French Quarter in a senseless shooting that left one of them seriously injured. A motive has yet to be identified but the suspect was taken into custody immediately following the incident. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. The Gulf Coast was also struck by Hurricane Zeta which caused wide-spread power outages and wind damage. These tragic events take a toll on us mentally as well as physically, but they also make us stronger and more prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. We will continue to provide the most professional and constitutional police services that we can offer. We are also inviting everyone to attend our NONPACC Meetings that will be held virtually through Webex on the second Wednesday of every month.

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Captain, NOPD 5th District

Public Safety Announcements

- ✓ Remember to practice social distancing, adhering to Mayor Cantrell's proclamation.
- ✓ Remember to wear a mask while in public, and to wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Remember if you see a crime happening, DO NOT post it on social media first, call 9-1-1 immediately, and give a detailed description of the crime, and perpetrator information (i.e., race, sex, clothing description, direction of flight, height, & weight).
- ✓ Do not engage perpetrators, call 9-1-1 and let the police handle the situation.
- ✓ Do not leave weapons (guns) in vehicles in an unsecure place. Lock all guns in the glove box or trunk if you must leave it in your vehicle.
- ✓ Always lock your car doors and never leave your vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition, not even for a minute.

Crime News

On October 29, 2020 the day following the landfall of Hurricane Zeta, Officer Amy Gisleson responded to a call of a business burglary at a business in the 2000 block of St. Bernard. When Officer Gisleson arrived she observed a male subject exit the back door of the location carrying a large garbage bag full of stolen merchandise. The subject looked at the officer and then fled on foot, disregarding her commands to stop. The officer was able to subdue the subject, who was later identified as Jonathan Garner, and placed him under arrest for Looting, Simple Burglary, and Resisting an Officer. Officer Gisleson did a fantastic job safely apprehending the subject.

On October 13, 2020 officers responded to an Armed Robbery with a Gun call which took place in the 1700 block of Lesseps St. An unknown male approached the victims and pointed a handgun at them while demanding their property. The victims complied and the subject fled the area. Fifth District Detective Katherine Barker was assigned to investigate the case and interviewed the victims. The victims positively identified the perpetrator as Kirk Shelby and Detective Barker obtained an arrest warrant for the subject for Armed Robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Shelby was taken into custody after being the victim in a shooting that is still under investigation.

Community Engagement

Fifth District officers participated in the Candy Cruise Event in City Park where they handed out Halloween candy to children.



Message from the Superintendent

After the events on October 30th, I wanted to keep the community updated on the officers who were attacked that Friday evening in the French Quarter. At about 4:30pm, Officer Trevor Abney and Brook Duncan were ambushed while in their patrol vehicle, and Officer Abney was shot in the cheek. He was immediately taken to UMC hospital where he remains in stable condition. Officer Duncan sustained minor injuries but was not struck by any gunshots. He was discharged from the hospital the same night of the incident.

Mayor Cantrell and I have both visited Officer Abney, he is in the best spirits that you can expect given the circumstances. The perpetrator is in custody, and our FIT unit is working with our Federal Partners to determine a motive in this senseless act of violence. So far, we are able to rule out domestic terrorism, and any connections to known anti-police or government groups.

I commend the officers on the scene that evening for keeping cool in a very intense and dangerous situation. Our officers did not fire a single shot during this attack. This is a testament to our commitment to training and providing Constitutional Policing no matter the circumstances. I also want to thank members of our community who rendered aid to our injured officers and for providing information that helped in the swift apprehension of the suspect.

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