

King Neighborhood Association Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility – 4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org> & <http://kingneighborhood.wordpress.com>

November 10, 2010 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

List of attendees (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

Agenda (*Exhibit 1*) (p. 9)

North Precinct Crime Data (*Exhibits 2-5*) (pp. 10-13)

Minutes from October meeting

The minutes from October were not considered for approval.

Discussion/presentation topics

Policing in King Neighborhood:

North Precinct Commander James Ferraris and Deputy District Attorney James Hayden

James Ferraris, Commander of the North Precinct of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), introduced himself. He asked to be assigned to North Precinct, having been raised in the area and feeling committed to its well-being. He has been a police officer for 32 years, 27 of them in Portland, and has held many different positions within the Police Bureau.

North Precinct was created in 2009 as a budget saving measure, when the Police Bureau consolidated five precincts covering Portland to three, and North and Northeast precincts merged. The current configuration of North Precinct covers 63 square miles, and is the largest of the three current precincts. Prior to the merger, 120 police officers were assigned to North and Northeast precincts total; there are now 133 officers working out of the North Precinct.

Commander Ferraris received King Neighborhood Association's letter to Mayor Sam Adams regarding dispatch response times and staffing in our neighborhood (dated September 9th, 2010, and currently available for viewing at http://kingneighborhood.org/Meeting_Minutes/KNA%20Minutes%2010-13-10_DRAFT.pdf). He responded with a letter of his own (dated September 27, 2010, and currently available at the same url above), and agreed to come to King NA's meeting to address our concerns in person.

Commander Ferraris distributed statistics produced by the PPB's Crime Analysis Unit regarding average response times following 'priority calls for service' to police dispatch, for the North Precinct (including our own district 630), year-to-date and covering the entire day, and then year-to-date for one a.m. to eight a.m. only. He also brought stat sheets showing calls for service in King year-to-date from 1 am to 8 am, and a breakdown of the totals of various types of crimes reported from January through October 2010 in King. These statistics sheets are attached to the meeting minutes.

Explaining the stats, Commander Ferraris noted that the average response time of all emergency calls is 3.73 minutes. From 1 to 8 am, dispatch calls average 3.28 minutes. From January 2010 through November 7, 2010, there were 4900 calls to dispatch. 674 were between 1 and 8 am; call volume drops off after 2 am.

There is a higher level of self-initiated calls during these hours (1 to 8 am) - self-initiated calls being a call by another officer, or an interaction or incident that an officer initiates. This level of self-initiated calls tells Commander Ferraris that there are patrols in the neighborhood frequently. The most common crime reported in the neighborhood is car larceny, thefts, minor thefts; then vandalism, and then burglary. There is no officer assigned to King neighborhood/police district 630 from 1 to 7 am, and officers in surrounding areas cover the areas that don't have an officer assigned specifically.

A neighbor asked: 'How do officers they decide where to go when patrolling?' Commander Ferraris said that officers are expected to know what's happening in the areas they are going to cover. Officers can look over crime stats, learn to assess their patrol areas during patrols, and by getting reports on what's been happening in the area during the previous hours, or days. Officers get a briefing when they start their shift, before going out on patrol. Sometimes officers do random patrols, but they also try to be strategic and use crime data to tell them where to be, and when to be there.

A neighbor noted that she only sees police during emergencies, on her block; having seen drug sales taking place on her street, she's called the drug enforcement task force and no police response has been made. Commander Ferraris asked whether King has a Crime Watch program in the neighborhood, and suggested that the neighborhood get in touch with the crime prevention coordinator for the area.

Commander Ferraris told King that if neighbors call the police and don't get the service you think you ought to have received, to contact him directly: he is reachable at 503-823-5700, and jim.ferraris@portlandoregon.gov. There are programs to deal with different types of issues. For example, with a 'drug house,' patrol officers aren't necessarily going to be the best help - the Police Bureau can draw on other resources to address a problem like that, such as surveillance, undercover buys, using nuisance laws. The Hayden warrant, developed by District Attorney James Hayden, allows neighbors to give input to the police regarding recurrent drug activity on a property. With enough information from neighbors, police can search a property.

When asked about contacting a drug enforcement agency within the City's bureaucracy for drug deals in the neighborhood, Commander Ferraris noted that the drugs and vice bureau within the Police Bureau works at a 'higher level' than street crime. North precinct has a six-officer team to deal with ongoing local crime problems - the Neighborhood Response Team out of North Precinct is geared for this type of work. Commander Ferraris suggested having Toni Sexton, 911 Operations Manager for the City, come to a KNA meeting.

Teri Phillips brought the table a collection of drug paraphernalia that she has collected from her property and block over the last two years (including steel wool, small baggies, glass pipes, and needles), stating that she has turned over such collections to the police in the past. She remarked that she has made hundreds of calls to the police about illegal activity on her street, noting that she lives just a couple of blocks from the Police Bureau's North Precinct office. She has communicated with officers, including Officer Schull, and has actively engaged her neighbors, as well as letting

offenders know that she's watching; none of it has changed things on her block; drug houses continue to thrive. She wants to believe that community policing will make a difference, but needs to see changes. Teri is concerned that neighbors have not wanted to participate in neighborhood watches; people do not want to get involved; the neighborhood lacks cohesion. She has attended community conversations on violence and safety; the shootings that take place are over small drug disputes, and other 'small' things.

Commander Ferraris averred that the drug problem is pervasive. In response to a question about how to decide whether to call 911 or non-emergency dispatch, he noted that emergency calls are for situations where people or property are in danger. Drug dealing doesn't rise to the level of an emergency, in and of itself.

In the meantime, Commander Ferraris said, there are things that the Police Bureau can do to continue to make it easier and clearer how citizens can participate in crime prevention - he will continue to have officers, as well as Neighborhood Response Team members, come out to NA meetings in North Precinct; he hopes that the Bureau can update its website to make instructions for the public about crime response and prevention clearer, but the website is under the jurisdiction of the city's internet folks.

Shoshana Cohen noted that the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) is restarting a Public Safety Committee, beginning with a meeting on November 15, 2010. Commander Ferraris asked to be invited to these meetings. Alan Silver announced that King NA is looking for a representative to NECN's Public Safety Committee, and Rick Sills volunteered. Commander Ferraris said that the police chief will come to the Public Safety Committee in December or January with the Police Bureau's budget, and encouraged folks to 'fill the room' and express their priorities.

A neighbor asked about ways in which we can encourage police officers to be more invested in the communities they police, and whether it's possible to provide incentives for them to become more involved in those neighborhoods. Commander Ferraris noted that there have been some incentives in the past that have encouraged officers to buy homes in North and Northeast Portland, and noted that numerous North Precinct officers currently live in N/NE.

A neighbor asked whether staffing at the Bureau is based on call volume. Commander Ferraris encouraged everyone to call the police for any situation that might require police attention, whether immediate or not. The Police Bureau's budget was cut by four million dollars, and every call into the Bureau helps make the case for the need for increased funding and staffing.

Shirley Peck described her experiences living in Northeast Portland for decades, as the neighborhood transitioned from one where people could leave a house key under a doormat, to one where her son was shot to death. She is appalled at some of the insignificant disputes that spiral into violence among youth, and said that the neighborhood is a less friendly place in general than it used to be, less neighborly. She remarked that common civility and friendly interaction go a long way to providing an atmosphere that encourages youth to follow suit. She has a sense that our neighborhood contains both good and bad elements, and interacting with our neighbors is a good way to start improving our community. Teri noted that she hears "mind your own business" often; people don't realize that everything that happens impacts us all.

Commander Ferraris asked about Last Thursday on Alberta Street; Alan noted that King NA is drafting a letter to be sent to the city describing King neighborhood's concerns about the Last

Thursday event. Commander Ferraris asked to be sent a copy of that letter, when it is ready.

District Attorney James Hayden, North Precinct, introduced himself. He worked in the neighborhood for thirteen years; went to the City District Attorney's office to try cases for a time, and has returned to North/Northeast Portland to work out of the North Precinct. He noted that the city lost drug-free zones in 2007; the room that King NA was using for this meeting was once used as a community court; resource allocations to neighborhoods for crime prevention and enforcement ebb and flow. He promised to be a resource to the community in the mission to ensure livable, safe neighborhoods.

DA Hayden described, briefly, community warrants and the way they can be used to effect changes in homeowner behavior, as a tool to pressure them to change the way their properties are being used. If you experience a situation wherein you would like to see a community warrant used to move out a neighbor (often the primary goal of community warrants, rather than arrests), contact Officer Schull, and he will pursue it with DA Hayden. He noted that the Bureau of Buildings can be an effective resource, when fully staffed, and can be used to get drug offenders in front of a judge, even if the charge is merely a violation of building codes.

Maureen Mimiaga asked for a written explanation of how community warrants work; DA Hayden promised to email it to her for the NA. He also noted, in response to questioning, that the civil liberties of all folks who the District Attorney's office interact with are protected, and that must remain a key tenet of law enforcement and prosecution strategies.

A discussion of positive steps that neighbors and the Police Bureau can take to address crime and livability in the neighborhood is summed up below:

Desired positive outcomes:

- **Better response time** from Neighborhood Response Team officers and staff, with timely call-backs and returned emails.
- Positive response from non-emergency police staff, including helpful instructions for providing accurate and useful information to police personnel; **courtesy and encouragement** from all at the Bureau.
- **Improved website navigation.** Ordinary citizens should be able to quickly access information about how to combat drug houses, how to initiate a citizen-driven drug warrant, who their Neighborhood Response Team officer is, and more.

Friends of Trees: King Planting, February 2011

Irek Wielgosz, King neighborhood representative to Friends of Trees, announced the Friends of Trees planting in King neighborhood, to take place on February 12, 2011. Friends of Trees is a non-profit that works with the City of Portland to help homeowners plant trees and other plants on their property. Friends of Trees will be selling trees in King for \$25-35 each, and when you sign up for tree planting, a City of Portland arborist will come to your property and talk with you about appropriate trees to plant. Friends of Trees has planted 100 trees during the last two years in King, and with the City's current 'gray to green' initiative, more funding has been made available to Friends of Trees for plantings. Studies have documented the health benefits, as well as crime-

reducing effects, of adding trees to neighborhoods. You can reach Irek at king@plantitportland.com. Volunteers will be helping plant the trees, so the Planting is not just a great way to improve the physical landscape, it's a chance to meet your neighbors and do good work together.

Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI)

Ben Loftis of PCRI presented a five-minute video of the history of PCRI, a community development corporation that rehabilitates housing in North/Northeast Portland and makes it available for rent or purchase to low-to-moderate income folks. PCRI owns 88 properties in the King neighborhood; several years ago, the organization, at the request of the City of Portland, absorbed several hundreds units from another community development corporation that failed. PCRI is headquartered at 6329 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the former Ocie Trotter House, which PCRI rehabilitated. Neighbors praised PCRI for their work on this building.

Maxine Fitzpatrick of PCRI said that members of their organization feel misrepresented in recent King NA articles, and perhaps folks in King don't understand what PCRI is and accomplishes. She and members of PCRI's board of directors came to the King NA meeting in order to describe their work in stabilizing communities through housing rehabilitation, noting that she'd last visited the NA ten years ago, and had received a different response altogether - neighbors were supportive and wanted to partner with PCRI in its efforts.

Discussion ensued around an 'eight-plex' on 10th Avenue in King that's been owned by PCRI since 2006, where a gun was fired recently, on Labor Day, in an incident that also involved other forms of physical violence. Neighbor Lyndsey Vaughan-Dieter reported that she has contacted PCRI a number of times to discuss troubling behavior at this particular complex, and has not received a respectful hearing. Maxine suggested that there may be some defensiveness on PCRI's part in responding to complaints about its properties and tenants from the public; the organization is not accustomed to this sort of scrutiny, and Maxine realizes that neighbors may not be aware of what PCRI is and how it has worked to support and revitalize this and other neighborhoods in N/NE Portland.

Maxine noted that the tenant in question (whose daughter was part of the aforementioned incident) has been evicted, with some regret on her part, as this person lived there for eight years. Several PCRI staff/board members noted that PCRI cannot speak to the specifics of many of their tenant relations, as privacy concerns, laws regarding the privacy of tenant-landlord contracts, and the fear of lawsuits based on violating those laws constrain what PCRI can discuss.

A neighbor wondered about vacant properties, mentioning a house that has sat empty for some time, with a tarp covering its roof; she reports that the last tenant moved out because of a mold problem in the house. Melvin Oden-Orr, Chair of PCRI's Board of Directors, talked of PCRI's desire to fill all of its properties - an empty unit or house does no one any good, least of all an organization dependent on income from tenants.

Karen Gibson of PCRI noted that the organization did not appreciate the King NA blog posts that addressed PCRI's stewardship of properties in King NA, suggesting that the posts went beyond the particular incident in question, to investigating the organization without learning what it is. One neighbor said she felt that the blog is perhaps an inappropriate forum for voicing complaints about

community partners; two neighbors responded that the blog posts were, in fact, part of the reason they attended the meeting. Shoshana noted that King NA would do well to spend more time considering what is blog-worthy in the future, and invited people to join the NA and become part of that decision-making process.

Melvin said that some of the properties held by PCRI are governed by covenants; having purchased them from the government, they come with strings attached - they must be made available at affordable rent for 30 years. Sometimes securing cooperation from the government (for example, the Portland Development Commission [PDC]) in rehabilitating a property can be slow to come. So when they need money to do big sizable projects, and often it is the City and PDC asking them to take on the big projects, the organization has to stretch to accomplish what they set out to do. They have tried to absorb the three hundreds new properties, keep current properties going, and go forward with plans formed years ago to go forward with taking care of other properties that they've finally received money for. PCRI has a huge budget trying to do a public good. It will never respond to complaints as quickly as neighbors want, but neighbors need to know that PCRI cares about the people in this community. To the extent that there have been miscommunications, they arose from a good place. PCRI's message is "we're doing our best and trying to do better."

Maureen Mimiaga led a brainstorm session of problem-solving among neighbors and PCRI, and summarized the conclusions reached:

Recognition for PCRI's work:

- PCRI has been a long-standing advocate for affordable housing in the King Neighborhood, and their work is very much appreciated. PCRI's attendance and presentation at KNA meeting is welcome and encouraged as a important neighborhood partner in the region.

Better Communication:

- King residents with concerns about PCRI properties/residents are encouraged to call PCRI property management manager Cyndi Natalello at (503) 288-2923 (cyndi@pcrihome.org). Ms. Natalello will do her best to return contact within a few days, but certainly within the week. Ms. Natalello needs the address of the property in question to properly address concerns.

- All neighbors should remain aware that privacy rights apply to all residents, regardless of rentership/ownership; PCRI must respect the rights of their tenants when addressing all concerns.

- PCRI will send a representative to KNA meetings quarterly, and are encouraged to send representative more frequently if at all possible. Neighbors are welcome to use this as an opportunity to interact with PCRI representatives about issues arising at their properties, good or bad.

- Identifying hotspots: KNA will identify and track neighborhood hotspots, PCRI properties as well as non-PCRI properties. KNA will contact PCRI staff on an ongoing basis to report any issues or problems, and submit a list to them monthly.

Vacancies:

•Regarding PCRI vacancies; PCRI is working to fill them as fast as they can as an organization; this is a large and difficult problem, and will not be solved overnight. King neighbors simply ask that PCRI recognize that vacant homes are a safety and aesthetic concern for neighborhoods, and to address vacancies as a priority problem as much as possible.

New committee assignments

Irek Wielgosz will serve as the King NA representative to the North Williams Transportation Operations Safety Project.

Rick Sills will server as the King NA representative the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Public Safety Committee.

Future topics:

- Maureen Mimiaga is working on a grant proposal for art murals to be created by youth in King Neighborhood, to the Portland State University Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning Community Development Faculty Group. The proposal needs to be submitted to the PSUTSUSPCDFG by December 6th, necessitating a board meeting to consider the application, before the deadline. The Board will meet to consider the application, and no other topics.
- King NA will pursue the development of proactive neighborhood responses to crime, safety, and livability issues, including inviting local leaders in these areas to address the NA.
- Change to the by-laws permitting approval of a Board Chair without a year's service on the Board.
- Consideration of a letter from King NA to the City of Portland, with a copy going to Commander Ferraris, regarding Last Thursday on Alberta Street; Rick Sills is drafting the letter.
- Movies in the Park application - due by March 1st, 2011. King NA is looking for someone to work on this application.
- Alan to prepare a budget report on King NA finances.

Attendees

Alan Silver, *KNA Secretary*
David Lomax, *KNA At-large board member*
Irek Wielgosz, *KNA At-large board member*
Maureen Mimiaga, *King At-large board member*
Rick Sills, *King resident*
Shoshana Cohen, *NECN and King resident*
Officer Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*
Teri Phillips, *King resident*
Chris Hurtt, *King resident*
Joe Gotshall, *King resident*
Dawn Gotshall, *King resident*
Katy Asher, *NECN*
Laura Klement, *Community Energy Project*
Simone Brooks, *King resident and Brooks Staffing*

Teri Phillips, *King resident*
Francene Grewe, *NECN and King resident*
Maxine Fitzpatrick, Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives
Karen Gibson, PCRI
Ben Loftis, PCRI
Melvin Oden-Orr, PCRI
Cyndi Natalello, PCRI
Natalie David, King resident
Marty Krogh, Art & Sole Comfort Footwear
Allyson Spencer, resident
James Ferraris, North Precinct Commander, Portland Police Bureau
Penelope Miller, resident
Norman Miller, resident
James Hayden, North Precinct District Attorney
Van Bogner, resident
Lavern Simmons, resident
Debra Patterson, resident
Fred Dieter, resident
Lyndsey Vaughan-Dieter, resident
Diego Gioseffi, resident
Stephanie Luciano, Oregon First
Rex Buchanan, Oregon First
Dan Jaffee, resident
Louisa Davis Sills, resident
Askia Phillips, resident
Megan, KGW-TV

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Draft Agenda

- 6:30 Introductions and approval of agenda and minutes
- 6:45 Irek – Friends of Trees & the King planting in Feb. 2011
- 6:50 Motion to change KNA by-laws; board member positions to be filled
- 6:55 Cheryl Lohrmann – Create Plenty grant proposal
- 7:00 Movies in the Park application
- 7:05 District Attorney Haynes, N. Precinct, presents.
- 7:15 Commander Ferraris, N. Precinct, presents for ten minutes; community members have ten minutes to speak; brainstorming session of desired outcomes and how to achieve them, for ten minutes.
- 7:45 PCRI presents for ten to fifteen minutes; community members have ten minutes to speak; brainstorming session of desired outcomes and how to achieve them, for ten minutes.
- 8:20 Announcements and wrap-up.
- 8:30 Adjourn

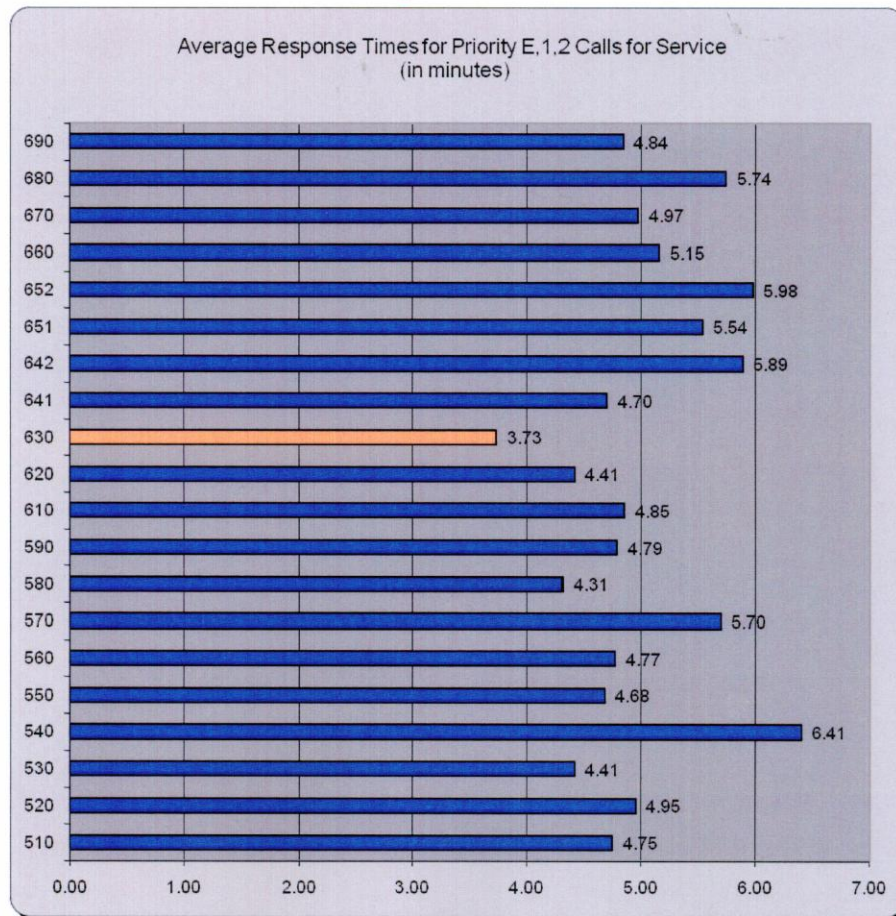
The King Neighborhood Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the King Neighborhood Facility at 4815 NE 7th Avenue. Our next meeting will be held on December 8, 2010. Child care is provided on site if requested 24 hours in advance by email to info@kingneighborhood.org or by calling 503-823-4575. Enter via the door facing 7th Avenue. You can subscribe to our electronic newsletter and check out our community calendar at www.kingneighborhood.org. You can send us an email at info@kingneighborhood.org.



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Dispatched Calls for Service January 1, 2010 – November 7, 2010 Average Response Time

All Dispatched Calls



Total dispatched calls for service in North Precinct: 48,741
Total dispatched calls for service in District 630: 2,102 (4.3%)

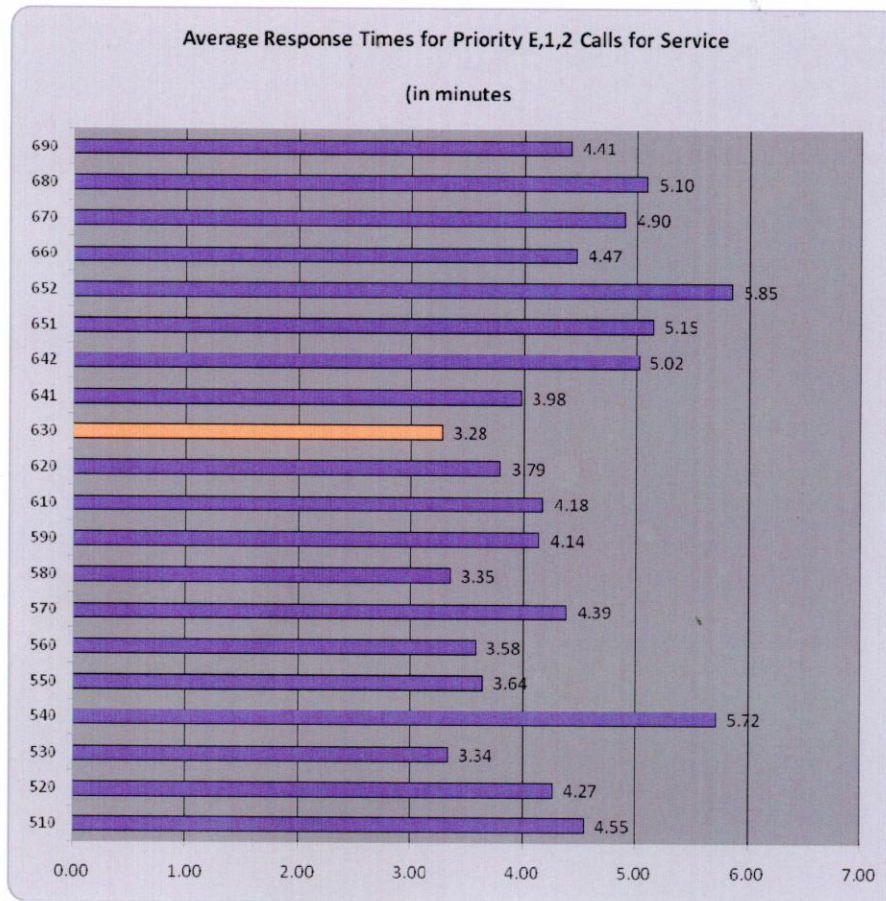
District 630 shows the shortest response time for dispatched calls for service among all North Precinct districts.



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Dispatched Calls for Service January 1, 2010 – November 7, 2010 Average Response Time

Only Dispatched Calls Created Between 0100 and 0759



Dispatched calls for service between the hours of 0100 and 0759 in North Precinct: 7,712
Dispatched calls for service between the hours of 0100 and 0759 in District 630: 257 (3.3%)

District 630 shows the shortest response time for dispatched calls for service among all North Precinct districts.



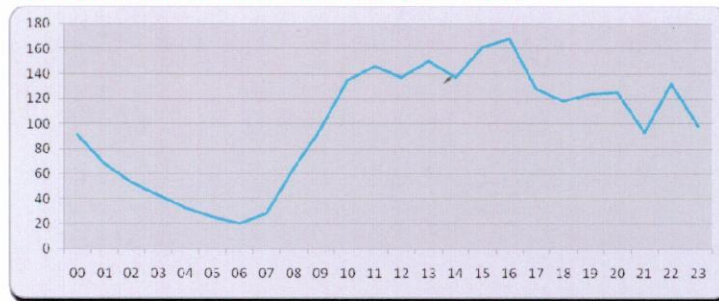
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Calls for Service: King Neighborhood January 1, 2010 – November 7, 2010 Hour Call Created

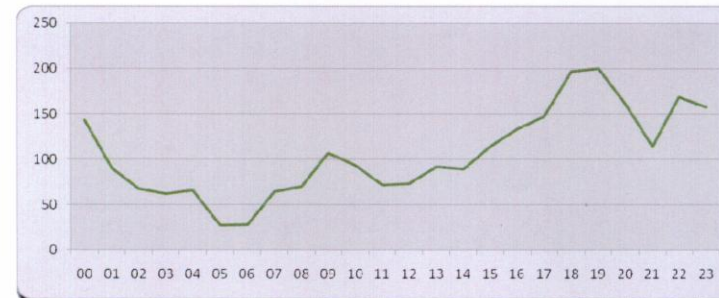
All Calls
4,905 total
674 between the hours of 0100 and 0759 (13.7%)



Dispatched Calls Only
2,372 total
270 between the hours of 0100 and 0759 (11.2%)



Self-Initiated Calls Only
2,533 total
404 between the hours of 0100 and 0759 (15.9%)



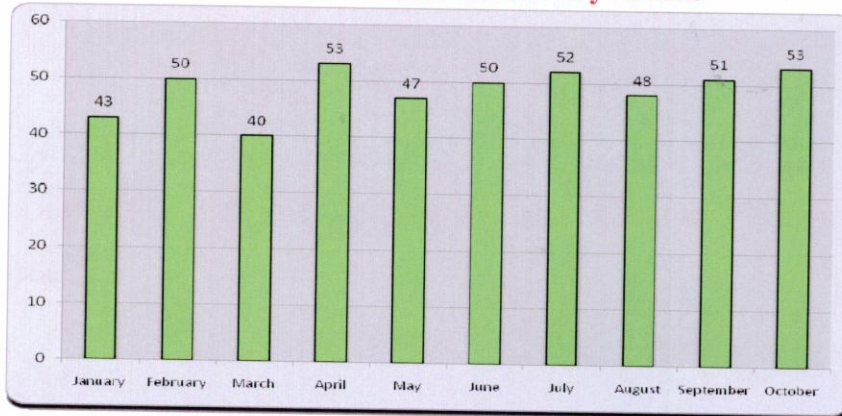
In the King Neighborhood, self-initiated calls for service exceed dispatched calls for service between the hours of 0100 and 0759, indicating a higher level of self-initiated activity. During those hours, 59.9% of all calls were self-initiated.



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Part I and II Offenses January 1, 2010 – October 31, 2010

Number of Part I and II Offenses by Month



Type of Offenses

	Jan - Oct 2010		October 2010	
	#	%	#	%
Larceny	147	30.2%	11	20.8%
Vandalism	53	10.9%	5	9.4%
Burglary	41	8.4%	5	9.4%
Simple Assault	39	8.0%	7	13.2%
Disorderly Conduct	37	7.6%	6	11.3%
Runaway	29	6.0%	2	3.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	5.1%	4	7.5%
Trespass/Threats/Etc.	23	4.7%	1	1.9%
Fraud	20	4.1%	1	1.9%
Aggravated Assault	16	3.3%	4	7.5%
Drugs	14	2.9%	1	1.9%
DUII	9	1.8%	2	3.8%
Forgery/Counterfeit	9	1.8%	2	3.8%
Liquor Laws	7	1.4%	1	1.9%
Robbery	7	1.4%	0	0.0%
Sex Offense	5	1.0%	0	0.0%
Weapons	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
Embezzlement	1	0.2%	1	1.9%
Curfew	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Stolen Property	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Arson	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Total	487	100.0%	53	100.0%