

CompStat Meeting Questions and Answers

from the November 18, 2010 Meeting

Q Is Beat 10x going to get their PSO officer back?

A Yes, the Problem-Solving Officer (PSO) program will be reinstated the first week of January 2011.

Q Is it true that as of January 11, 2011, City Council has only authorized 637 officers for the entire city?

A Yes, the City has authorized 637 sworn officers.

Q Who is responsible for neighborhood safety and crime from students at Dewey High School (2nd Avenue, two blocks from a motel)?

A The Community and Oakland Police Department are responsible for fighting crime in the City of Oakland—it's a team effort. That's why we use Community Policing in Oakland, so that relationships can be fostered in neighborhoods that will strengthen our ability to deal with neighborhood issues together.

For your situation, call the Area 2 Commander, Captain Ben Fairrow, at (510) 238-7328 for more information or to report problems near Dewey High School.

Q Several years ago my home was burglarized. An officer came and took a report but it was never filed. Is there a way to review the inventory that your property room maintains?

A If you are a victim of a burglary, you can call (510) 238-3951 and talk to an investigator.

Q Why is loitering tolerated?

A Loitering with criminal intent (e.g., prostitution, selling drugs) is not legal in the City of Oakland. But due to the heavy demand on our officers, it is very difficult for them to address loitering.

If you observe crime (including loitering with criminal intent), don't hesitate to call us:

- (510) 777-3333 – Non-emergency
 - (510) 777-3211 – Emergency
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- Q** Community policing requires an open connection between the residents, merchants and OPD. Who are your point people (officers) to the community? What is your protocol to disseminate info on trends and suspect ID's to residents?
- A** Every member of the Oakland Police Department is responsible for Community Policing. Going to community meetings in your area is the best way to meet your Captain, Lieutenant and Beat Officers.

Visit the Oakland Police Department website for up-to-date information about your neighborhood.

The City is divided into three geographic areas commanded by a Captain. Each Captain updates the website with information about his area. OPD has implemented public CompStat meetings like this one to disseminate information on crime trends occurring in the City.

Area 1 includes West and North Oakland and is bordered by the Berkeley Hills on the north, Lake Merritt on the east, the Oakland Estuary on the south, and the Bay on the west.

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Area 2 is located in Central Oakland between Areas 1 and 3 and is bordered by the city of Piedmont on the north, the Oakland Estuary on the south, Lake Merritt on the west and Redwood Regional Park to the East.

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Area 3 covers High Street to the San Leandro border, from the Estuary to the Oakland Hills.

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- Q** Is it useful for citizens to let OPD know what “gang tags” are popping up in an area? How about taking photos of the “tags?”
- A** Yes, please advise the Oakland Police Department of graffiti in your neighborhood. You can contact your Area Captain or call a dispatcher at (510) 777-3333. You can take a photo of the graffiti and send it to your Area Captain via email.

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- Q** With the drop in the number of officers and the requirement to have 63 Problem Solving Officers, will there be enough officers for the Crime Reduction Teams (especially in the coming year)?
- A** With the implementation of the PSO program, there will not be enough officers to staff the Crime Reduction Teams.

Q Given the loss of 80 officers and no ability to hire replacements for attrition, you are down to 670 officers. Now, with Measure BB you will have to extract 65 officers to be PSO's. How can this be done without affecting the basic services?

A The following resources will be affected by adding PSOs

- Crime Reduction Teams
 - Traffic
 - Investigations
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Q What about the possibility of a Sub-station in West Oakland for Beat 2x?

A With the Police Administration Building (455 7th Street) located next to Beat 2, it is unlikely that a substation will be added.

Q Is there a way to work with Housing Authority by placing a decoy in the street to wait for someone to stop and rob or car jack him (bait and rob)?

A The Oakland Police Department and Housing Authority have a great working relationship. There are many different types of operations that are conducted to reduce robberies and carjackings. Year-to-date, robberies are down 2% and carjackings are down 14%.

Q What is the status of Shot Spotter purchased to locate gun shots? What is happening in the NCPC's?

A1 Shot spotter is still working and assisting investigators.

A2 To find your Neighborhood Services Coordinator and a master list of NCPC meetings scheduled for 2010 (2011 coming soon), go to the Neighborhood Services Division page on the OPD website:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/o/NeighborhoodServicesDivision/index.htm>

Q I am a graduate of the Citizens Police Academy. I went on 3 ride-alongs. I was horrified that officers wrote reports in long-hand. Have the computers in the squad cars been upgraded so reports can be input directly into headquarters' computers?

A Yes, officers have had the ability to type reports in our field base reporting system for the past 3 years. Per OPD policy, officers still have to take statements from victims and witnesses down in longhand.
