

History

- stats are going down over the past 5 year
- what still happen are robbery, homicides, larceny
- small gang issues

Loitering

- Still working issues as drug use/drinking at bus stops.
- No loitering law. Can enforce trespassing.
- challenge to let prop owners know about the activity
- Need to have no trespassing signs

Communication

- Next Door
- Tarboro road center, library
- Call 911 for emergencies
- Call non-emergency number for tips, 919.831.6311
- there are segways, foot patrol every night and day
- security cameras are useful, businesses and residents
- Be as specific, descriptive as possible

Prevention

- Crime prevention, officer can come to your house to talk about it
- city is converting a lot of lights to LED, they are brighter
- If the light is out, you can report it to Duke
- Get to know your neighbors

Activity

- Work with councilor to help work with programs for youth
- With regards to unsupervised kids, it is possible to call it in when there are situations that warrant it. RPD has the resources to work with scenarios like this.
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Activity

1. Loitering laws in general and specifically around bus stops, private property like the parking lot? What about businesses that don't discourage loitering.
2. Accountability of property owners of unoccupied properties that have people doing stuff there.
3. Geth. church responsibility of those sitting on, around it.
4. Stationed patrols or guards around the street, is the police aware of this?
5. Drainage being used improperly
6. Littering laws, can we call that in?

7. Unsupervised kids, are there programs to advertise that may entice parents to enroll them to keep them busy rather than loitering or participating in small crime?

Communication

1. Call 911, reemphasize this.
2. Crime stats, what types of things have been going on, are they on the decline, etc. Gang activity.
3. How can neighbors find out what is going on?
4. Patrols on foot
5. Advice on security cameras, sending in home video, does it help?
6. Proactive approaches rather than reactive calling of 911.

Projects

1. Construction next to the Geth. church

Questions from neighbors to ask RPD:

1. I would like to see more transparency. Is there a way that we can have our community officer let us know outcomes of incidents, how calls were addressed, etc? Often these things are not reported by local news organizations and in some cases have not been added to the local crime map. Certainly we shouldn't have to wait for local news to let us know what's happening in our neighborhood. Even if the incidents are limited to the people allegedly engaging in illegal behaviors, we have a responsibility to family, friends, and ourselves to understand the level of risk just conducting daily life. Considering someone ran through the field shooting across the street from my house, and a person was shot on my block during prime morning dog-walking time, I'm not inclined to believe that we are safe from being collateral damage. Shots travel and there have been an inordinate amount of shots lately.
2. What are the laws in relation to loitering?
3. Can the bus stop be limited to those who are actually waiting for the bus?
4. What are the rules about groups of people gathering in the parking lot on the corner? Is that private property? If so what is the responsibility of the owners of that property (corner of Martin/Camden) to ensure people are not engaged in illegal behaviors?
5. What responsibility do owners of unoccupied property have? People who clearly do not live there use the property. (714 Martin)
6. What's up with the construction next to the church..who's responsible for getting that completed?
7. What responsibility does the church have to keep people off the corner? People are sitting on the ramp and directly on the property.
8. What responsibilities do owners of businesses that attract and do not discourage the loitering have to local community? Can local businesses be required to provide security? I understand night clubs can be shut down when there have been multiple shootings-what can be done here?
9. Why not more foot patrols?
10. Are the police aware that there is a well oiled system that lets people working on the corner know that police are in the area? (Individuals stationed on each nearby corner who yell "heads up" which is transmitted to the next person who yells etc until it reaches the corner).
11. Just as an FYI, I have seen people on the corner stuff materials in the drainage grates..either its drugs/weapons being hidden or trash being disposed of improperly. Can local drainage grates be checked (and cleaned)?

12. When I see someone litter does it do any good to call the police?
13. Do they have any suggestions on security cameras?
14. Also a poster in one of the neighborhood groups asked if he should report when he has seen on recorded video that people were looking around his house (can't remember the exact thing that was happening) -does it do any good to provide video of incidents like that when it wasn't an actual break-in but was clearly not normal behavior?
15. Most important--What can we do, other than call 911, that could help? How do we help them help us? I would like something more proactive than reactive.
16. KIDS: There seem to be many unsupervised kids that are getting into trouble lately. (windows broken, fences broken, stone gargoyles broken, bikes stolen, toys taken and kids just hanging out in people's yards/driveways when they shouldn't. Some parents are responsive to talking with them about it, while others are not. Some are at work, some are grandparents or great grandparents and don't have the ability to really keep an eye on the kids. Any chance someone could do some outreach to let families know of opportunities to keep kids busy? There use to be a program after school at Roberts Park that was run by a retired police office and it seemed to be well respected and successful. Is this still going? Are there other organizations the neighborhood can tap into that provide these types of services? (Mt. Sinai has some teen weekend opportunities, Neighbor to Neighbor has great programming but always has a wait list, Treasuring Christ has some things through the YMCA).
17. CALL 911: While those of us that have been in the neighborhood longer know the importance of calling 911 when you have concerns, the new folks seem more hesitant. I remember that when I heard it directly from the police years ago I was convinced it was OK and that I wasn't overreacting. Please ask them to emphasize the importance of this.
18. FOOT PATROLS: While I do appreciate the increase in patrolling that I have seen in the last couple of weeks, they have all been in patrol cars. I think they will see/here a lot more if they are slowly walking through the neighborhood. That is how we all see things. (ask Sarah Buxton - she's come across a whole lot just walking!)
19. Stats. Can we get some crime statistics (5-year trends)? Are different types of crimes going up, down, the same? A lot of people are new to the neighborhood, and might not recognize if things are actually getting better. Also, there's a lot more neighborhood conversations (via email, social media) and maybe things are not getting worse - we're just hearing about more of it than ever before.
20. Gangs. What's the situation like - good/bad, getting better/worse? How much of the violent crime is gang related? Vs drug deals? Vs random innocent victims?
21. Street cameras. We know the city's not going to start buying/using them, but do they have opinions about neighborhood associations or individuals using cameras in urban areas and if they are either a deterrent to crime or a help to PDs? Would they be supportive and would they want access to a feed if we could get some set up around the neighborhood? (just a thought)

- Wrap up to add to the website

Thompson-Hunter is seeing a year-after-year decrease in crime activity. The Raleigh Police Department (RPD) has done a fantastic job of keeping the area safe and responding when incidents do happen. At this point in the neighborhood's transformation, the community has to step up and help RPD in order to continue seeing decreases in illegal activities.

During the Fall of 2015, the board organized a meeting with neighbors and Raleigh Police. We talked about the best ways to communicate as well as various topics like loitering, negligent property owners, and youth in the neighborhood. The main takeaways from that meeting were that neighbors know the area best and should work with the local officers.

If you see suspicious or illegal activity in Thompson-Hunter, here are some actions that you can take.

1. **Call the non-emergency phone number - 919.831.6311**
Use this for tips and suspicious activity.
2. **Contact (email or phone) an officer directly**
Our community officer would be the primary contact but others in the Southeast and Downtown districts can help. Contact information is on this page.
3. **Join Nextdoor - <https://thompsonhunternrnc.nextdoor.com>**
Our neighborhood is on Nextdoor and the Raleigh Police is monitoring this. You can report things here along with other neighbors.
4. **Call 911**
If you witness illegal activity happening, calling 911 is critical. This is recommended and encouraged by Raleigh Police.

The main thing you should take away is that there are things that can be done before having to call 911. Every little piece of information helps the officers who serve the community and everyone benefits.